











# FREESE FAMILIES

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ALL GREAT-GRANDSONS OF ABRAHAM FREES

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## GENEALOGY.

"The immense field of investigation that is opened in tracing the ancestors and descendants of a single person is really astonishing. In the ascending line the ancestors double in every generation. In other words, in the first degree there are two ancestors; in the second, four; and in the fourth, sixteen; and by going back for twenty generations it will be found that every man has more than a million of ancestors. In the descending line the numbers are still larger."

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## PREFACE.

Probably most, if not all, persons by the name of Freese (spelled no less than *thirteen* different ways) are descended from persons who once lived in Friesia or Friesland. "The Frisians (Lat. *Frisii*) were an ancient Teutonic race . . . and occupied the country to the east and west of the Zuyderzee. They became tributaries of Rome under Drusus . . . but in 28 A.D., they were driven to hostilities." "In the 5th century, a band of the *Frisii* joined the Saxons and Angles in their invasion of England."

"The Frizian language occupies a place intermediate between . . . Anglo-Saxon and Old Norse." "There is a Frisian literature dating from the 12th century." "A set of laws, known as the 'Asegabuch,' valid for all Frisians, was composed about 1200, A.D."

"The character of the Frieslander is, by universal and antique testimony, bold, open, and generous."

"What a pity you are not a Frieslander!" they say to one whom they esteem. They are proud of the nobility of their race, which they believe to be the first of the great Germanic family, and they boast that they are the only people of that family that has preserved its name from the time of Tacitus. Many of them still believe that their country was called Frisia, after Frisio, the son of Alan, the brother of Mesa, the nephew of Shem, and are proud of this antique origin. The love of liberty is their dominant sentiment.

"The Frisians," says their old codex, "shall be free as long as the wind shall blow in the clouds, and as long as the world shall endure."

"It is Friesland, indeed, that sends to parliament the most ardent deputies of the Liberal party. The population is almost entirely Protestant, and very jealous of its faith; as also of its language, which is illustrated by a great popular poet, and cultivated with great care." "The peasant in particular," says Laveleye, "cites with pride the names of the illustrious men who were born under the Frisian *hem*, the two poets Gisbertus Japhis and Salverda, and the philologist

Tiberius Hemsterhuys and his son Franz, that good and profound philosopher whom Madame de Staël calls the Dutch Plato."

I have advertised and searched the records diligently to find beyond a doubt the name of the immigrant Freese of New England, but have not succeeded. That some were here soon after the coming of Endicott and Winthrop is shown by the early records of the town of Salisbury, Mass., where we find "James Freese, born 1641-2." It is interesting to note the fact that James Frese of the Coat of Arms (here-with published) was a merchant in London, England, in 1633. This, taken in connection with the tradition of our family that our ancestors came from England, would justify the suspicion that the James of Salisbury, Mass., was descended from the James of London or from some branch of his family.

In my researches in the Boston Public Library, I found in a book of heraldy the above-mentioned Freese Coat of Arms, concerning which a word of explanation will not be out of place here.

At this time, 1633, during the reign of Charles I, or previously, there had been issued a decree that henceforth coats of arms must be shown to have been conferred legitimately and by the proper authority. To insure this a commission was appointed whose business it was to demand proof of those found using a coat of arms or its crest.

"Upon sight of an antient Seal," etc., is the quaint report of the commission that waited upon Mr. Freese.

It is interesting to notice that James of London, refers back to his father, and grandfather, as having been in England before him.

NOTE:—In the course of my researches I have found many disconnected items concerning individual Freeses that will appear under the head of "miscellaneous," as suggestions and helps to some one who may chance to follow and extend the work but imperfectly done here.

J. W. FREESE.

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## JOHN FREESE<sup>1</sup>.

Andrew Freese, son of Gordon (now of Cleveland, Ohio), says that, at about the time Jacob removed from Hampton, N. H., a brother, according to a tradition of his family, settled on "a small island not far away."

In this instance tradition is correct history, for the island (incorporated as a part of Deer Isle, Mass., now Maine) is to this day known as Freese's island.

This brother was John (a great-great-grandfather of the writer), who must have been twenty years or so older than Jacob, since he had a grandchild (a daughter of George) born in 1759, fifteen years earlier than the *second* child of Jacob.

It would seem from the archives in Boston that John and three of his sons (see military record) were soldiers in the Revolution.

### Children:

GEORGE, b. about 1739, m. Sara Cromwell.

JOHN, b. —, m; no children.

ABRAHAM, b. —, 1749; m. Hannah Whittemore; d. of Edmund, of Salem, June 25, 1777.

ISAAC, b. about 1750.

JACOB, b. —, was probably the grandfather of Prof. Henry Simmons Frieze.

RETURN }  
RETIRE } twins.

I find no record of the twins, Retire and Return, but there can be but little doubt of the truth of the tradition, for I found it current in two branches of the family. In fact, I was assured by a daughter of Abraham, son of George, that there could be no doubt about it.

GEORGE FREESE<sup>2</sup> (JOHN<sup>1</sup>), married Sarah Cromwell, went to Deer Isle, Me., about 1764, and here he probably died, as I find here a record of the names and dates of birth of his ten children. George was probably the oldest of the

four brothers who went to Deer Isle, as his first child was born *nineteen* years before the birth of Abraham's oldest, Capt. John.

It appears that some of his children (one or more sons) went to Ellsworth, Me., about the time Abraham went to Bangor, and here they preferred another name. (See *History of Deer Isle, Me.*, by Hosmer.)

Children:

MARY, b. Oct. 8, 1759, at Deer Isle, Me.  
 JOHN, b. Aug. 6, 1761, at Deer Isle, Me.  
 MARY, b. Aug. 12, 1764, at Deer Isle, Me.  
 GRACE, b. July 7, 1766, at Deer Isle, Me.  
 ISAAC, b. May 30, 1769, at Deer Isle, Me.  
 ABRAHAM, b. Nov. 25, 1771, at Deer Isle, Me.  
 JOSHUA, b. Dec. 30, 1773, at Deer Isle, Me.  
 ABIGAIL, b. Nov. 26, 1775, at Deer Isle, Me.  
 ELIZABETH, b. Mar. 26, 1778, at Deer Isle, Me.  
 GEORGE, b. Dec. 30, 1780, at Deer Isle, Me.

Descendants of ABRAHAM FREESE<sup>2</sup> (JOHN<sup>1</sup>).

Fac-simile of the handwriting of Abraham Freese.

Just where Abraham Freese was born is not certainly known, though there are reasons to believe his birth-place to have been Hampton, N. H., or Salisbury, Mass. The records of the latter town give "James Freese, born 1641-2."

This James had a son James born in the same town in 1667. One of these Jameses was killed at Casco, near Portland, by the Indians in 1689. One of these Jameses, undoubtedly the younger, had a son Isaac, of Newbury, born 1716. This Isaac was of the right age to have been the father of Abraham, but I think, notwithstanding the name Isaac is of frequent occurrence in our branch, the father of Abraham was John. I think so, for the following reasons:

In the history of Deer Isle, Me., I find that John, John, Jr., and George Freese agree to support the ministry. This John, Sr., was, I have no doubt, the father of the four brothers, George, Abraham, Isaac, and John, who appear in





CAPT. JOHN FREESE

Deer Isle, Me., about 1764. The reason he was not mentioned otherwise in the history of Deer Isle is explained by the probability that he settled and died on a neighboring island known to the present time as Freese's island. Again, I have a distinct remembrance of asking my grandfather who his grandfather was. His look and manner as he answered, "His name was John," make a vivid picture in my mind to this day. Also, in the Revolutionary Archives, I find that Abraham, of Deer Isle, Me., and *John, Jr.*, enlisted in the Continental army the same day, in the same company, and served the same length of time.

ABRAHAM FREESE<sup>2</sup> (JOHN<sup>1</sup>), was born in 1749 and died in 1800, in Orono, Me., to which place he went from Bangor in 1790. It is on record that his was one of the best farms in Penobscot County. Upon it he built the first frame-house in the town. He was succeeded in its ownership by his son, Retire Whittemore, whose home it was for more than fifty years. It is on the right bank of the Penobscot river directly opposite the University of Maine. Abraham married Hannah,\* daughter of Edmund Whittemore of Salem, Mass., June 25, 1777, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Thomas Barnard.

Children, recorded in part in Orono:

JOHN, b. Aug. 20, 1778, at Deer Isle, Me.; d. at Orono, June 17, 1855; m. Dec. 24, 1800, Rebekah Rider, of Providence, R. I.

ABIGAIL, b. Oct. 8, 1780, d. May 1, 1831, m. Joshua Lunt.

ISAAC? — :

RETIRE, b. Jan. 19, 1785, d. Oct. 23, 1860.

ABRAHAM, b. —,

HANNAH, b. May 26, 1788, d. Dec. 6, 1867. She m. James Lunt.

JONATHAN, b. Dec. 11, 1793; d. Nov. 4, 1815.

Capt. JOHN FREESE<sup>3</sup> (ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), was born at Deer Isle, Me., August 29, 1778, and died in Orono, Me.,

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\*It is remarkable that William Colburn (son of Jeremiah of Dumbleton, Mass., and first settler of Orono, 1774) born eleven years later than Abraham Freese, should have married a twin sister (Abigail) of his wife, Hannah.

January 17, 1855. He married Rebekah Rider (parents of Liverpool, England), December 24, 1800. She was born in Providence, R. I., August 31, 1779, and died in Orono, Me., of cancer of the tongue, September 27, 1853.

Capt. John Freese was a very remarkable man. He "followed the sea" for twelve years, and on one of his voyages found himself on the coast of Africa on board a vessel engaged in the slave trade. On another occasion in England he was waited on by a press-gang that invited him to accompany them aboard an English man-o-war. His answer was characteristic: "You have crew enough to take me there, but, if you do it, and I get at the magazine, we will go to hell together." They did not take him. Again, in Cuba, he was attacked by an enraged Spaniard, who thrust at him with a poignard. He parried the blow with his left hand, which nearly severed his thumb, at the same instant losing control of his right, which sent the irate Spaniard tumbling into a dock that was near at hand.

In consequence of his great physical strength and absolute fearlessness, he was much employed as constable, a position he was in all respects qualified to fill. He stood against the English at Castine, where his sword belt (he being ensign) was severed by a fragment of shell. On this occasion he displayed courage that elicited the highest admiration, as he stood to his colors longer than prudence would warrant. He had the stature and physique of a giant. A book would be required to recount his feats of strength and daring. He has been called "a Puritan of the middle period," so strenuous was he in the observance of Sunday and in the saying of "grace" at meal-time, which he always did standing. His leather-covered Bible was as regularly placed on the dining-table as was his plate.

The following is from a history of Penobscot Co., Me.:

"In 1821, Capt. John Frees (this is the way he, his brothers, and his children, spelled their name) entered upon Lot No. 14 in Hammond (now La Grange, Me.,) being the corner lot in the plantation on the west side of the State road. He felled a few acres of trees, cleared the land in the spring of 1822, put in his crops, built his log cabin (replaced by a frame house a few years later), and moved his family into it in the fall of 1822."

His title to the land, not proving good, he paid for it the

second time. Another piece of hard luck was the loss of eighteen acres of wheat by the Miramichi fire of 1825. He was the first permanent settler of the town.

**Children:**

- \*ANGAL BARTLET, b. Mar. 19, 1803.
- RETIRE E., b. Dec. 25, 1804.
- MARY R., b. Mar. 2, 1807.
- ALLEN B., b. Mar. 13, 1809.
- JOHN, b. Apr. 30, 1811.
- HANNAH, b. Sept. 17, 1813.
- ANDREW J., b. Oct. 13, 1816.
- PAUL D., b. Aug. 1, 1820.
- EDWARD F., b. Aug. 26, 1822.
- REBEKAH, b. Jan. 5, 1826.

ANGALL BARTLETT FREESE<sup>4</sup> (JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), was born March 19, 1803, in Orono, Me. He was a true son of his father as to disposition and physique. He lived a large part of his life in Alton, Me., and here married Sarah, daughter of Clark Rand. She died 1885. After rearing his family, he removed to Utica, Wis., where he died March 4, 1868.

**Children:**

- ORRIN, b. Dec. 11, 1823, d. Dec. 24, 1899.
- SARAH R., b. Dec. 11, 1823.
- RETIRE W., b. Feb. 18, 1827, d. Jan. 8, 1895. June 14, 1848, he m. Clara J. Chapman, of Oldtown, Me. She was b. Mar. 4, 1832.
- JOHN, b. —,
- ANGALL B., b. —,
- NIAL, b. —,

ORRIN FREESE<sup>5</sup> (ANGALL<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>),

**Children:**

- ALPHEUS ORRIN, b. —,
- BARTLETT (?) b. —, and a daughter who became Mrs. John Canfield.

Orrin, the father, was a skilled river-man, being em-

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\*There should be two l's, I have no doubt, but this is as I find it in Capt. John's Bible.

ployed much on the "Main Boom" as an expert and as "boss." He was much respected by the people of his town by whom and others he was chosen to represent them at Augusta for a term.

I have done my utmost to get full data of his family, but the above is all I have been able to obtain.

RETIRE W. FREESE<sup>5</sup> (ANGALL<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), taught school for twenty-five years. He was Orderly Seartg. of Co. D, 32d Wis. regt.

#### Children:

FRANCES M., b. June 18, 1851; m. A. B. Phillips, May 12, 1871.

SAMUEL S., b. Mar. 4, 1853, and now lives in the State of Washington.

CHARLES W., b. Mar. 11, 1856.

ANGALL B., b. June 4, 1858. June 22, 1883, he m. Jura Pingree.

HATTIE M., b. June 6, 1861. Sept. 20, 1899, she m. Geo. Starks.

RETIRE W., JR., b. Jan. 2, 1863. June 22, 1890, he m. Alma M. Aldrich, of Utica, N. Y.

WALTER S., b. Apr. 16, 1865, d. Nov., 1897.

CLARA J., b. May 23, 1869, d. Apr. 26, 1886.

REGINA W., b. Nov. 24, 1876, d. Dec. 12, 1888.

RETIRE W. FREESE, JR.<sup>6</sup> (RETIRE<sup>5</sup>, ANGALL<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), is a Free Baptist minister at North Branch, Mich.

#### Children:

HARRY G., b. June 31, 1892, at Oskosh, Wis.

ALMA MAY, b. June 21, 1894, at Oskosh, Wis.

WALTER WELLS, b. July 7, 1896, at Hortonville, Wis.

MABEL EMMA, b. Dec. 23, 1898, at Oakland, Wis.

INEZ L., b. July 7, 1900, at Kingston, Ill.

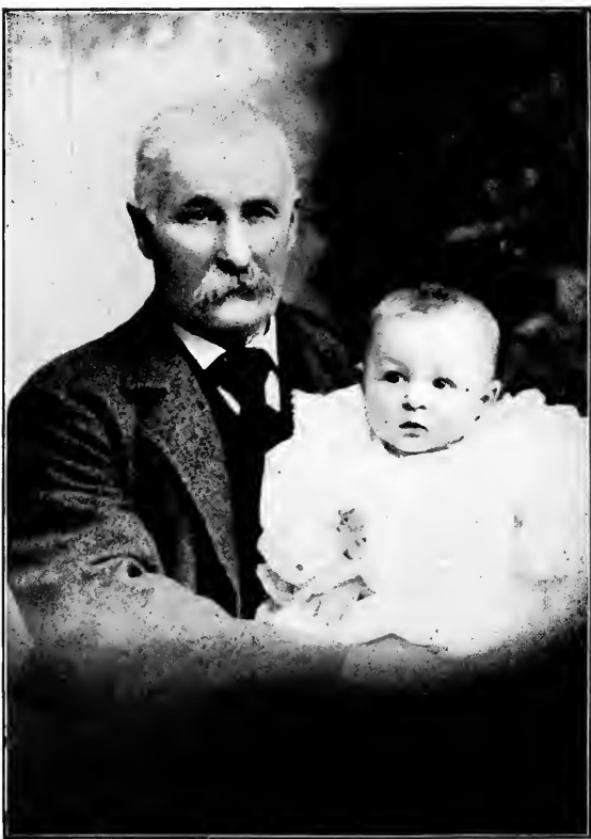
RETIRE E. FREESE<sup>4</sup> (JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), was born December 25, 1804, in Orono, Me., and died July 1, 1893. He was a farmer and resided chiefly in La Grange, Me. He married Rebecca Jones of Bristol, Me., September 20, 1828. In the Civil War he was a volunteer and a mem-



RETIRE E. FREESE







WILLIAM LUNT FREESE

ber of Co. K, 8th Maine Infantry under Gen. W. T. Sherman. He remained in the army about two years connected chiefly with the hospital service.

Children:

- MARGARET D., b. Sept. 12, 1829, d. Feb. 20, 1868.
- MATILDA, b. Nov. 26, 1830.
- WILLIAM L., b. May 13, 1832.
- ALLEN, b. Nov. 5, 1833.
- FANNY, b. Mar. 12, 1836.
- RETIRE, b. May 19, 1839, k. May 10, 1864, at Spotsylvania, Va.
- OLIVE L., b. June 17, 1841, d. July 3, 1864.
- ELIZABETH C., b. Feb. 14, 1843.
- ABRAHAM E., Jan. 24, 1845.
- MARTHA E., b. July 22, 1846.
- GEORGE B., b. Jan. 16, 1851.

MARGARET FREESE<sup>5</sup> (RETIRE<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), married John Bishop, son of James, of La Grange, Me. She died February 20, 1868.

Children:

- CAROLINE, b. Mar. 16, 1849, d. Sept. 21, 1863.
- MARIA, b. Sept. 14, 1850.
- ELVIRA, b. June 27, 1852.
- CATHERINE, b. June 27, 1852.
- WALTER, b. June 2, 1854.
- JOHN C., b. Sept. 3, 1859.
- FREMONT L., b. Oct. 23, 1861.
- JAMES L., b. Nov. 24, 1865.

MATILDA FREESE<sup>5</sup> (RETIRE<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), married — Bodwell and had three children: Mary, Letty and Ola.

WILLIAM LUNT FREESE<sup>5</sup> (RETIRE<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), was born in La Grange, Me., May 13, 1832. He married Clementina Harvey, daughter of Samuel, of Maxfield, Me., October 25, 1855. He lived much of his married life in Westbrook, Me., following his trade of builder for which he had great natural fitness. He inherited much of the physical strength of his grandfather Freese, and like him he can "look the whole world in the face." He was a volunteer

in Company B, 20th reg. of Maine Infantry and received an honorable discharge June 4, 1865. He served in the first division of the fifth corps of the Army of the Potomac.

Children:

- FRED M., b. Dec. 20, 1856, in La Grange, Me., m. first, Jennie Warren; secondly, H. McLellan.
- FRANK H., b. Apr. 17, 1861, m. Eva L. Dexter, Oct. 15, 1885.
- WILLIAM H., b. Apr. 11, 1863, m. Bertha L. Reeves, June 1, 1885.
- ETTA E., b. June 17, 1875, m. Joseph Page, Aug. 12, 1895.
- BERTHA B., b. June 10, 1878.

FRED M. FREESE<sup>6</sup> (WILLIAM<sup>5</sup>, RETIRE<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), married, first, Jennie Warren; secondly, Hattie McLellan.

Children:

- HERBERT,
- WALTER,
- FLORENCE (a boy).

FRANK H. FREESE<sup>6</sup> (WILLIAM<sup>5</sup>, RETIRE<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), married Eva L. Dexter, October 15, 1885.

Children:

- WESLEY C., b. Aug. 3, 1886.
- EDNA M., b. Oct. 7, 1889.
- STANLEY L., b. May 31, 1897.

WILLIAM H. FREESE<sup>6</sup> (WILLIAM<sup>5</sup>, RETIRE<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), married Bertha L. Reeves, June 1, 1885.

Children:

- ERNEST I., b. Feb. 5, 1886.
- ETHEL L., b. May 26, 1890.

ALLEN FREESE<sup>5</sup> (RETIRE<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), married Sarah Drake of Concord, N. H., March 12, 1852. She died July 6, 1896. He was a farmer and carpenter, with





EDWIN ABRAHAM FREESE

a home for the greater part in La Grange, where he was born. He died June 4, 1905.

Children:

ELLEN I., b. Feb. 1, 1854; m. Erastus Heald, July 2, 1870.  
ANNA A., b. Aug. 1, 1858.  
MYRA E., b. June 2, 1867.  
OLA MAY, b. Feb. 16, 1871, d. Mar. 7, 1881.

FANNY FREESE<sup>5</sup> (RETIRE<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), married — Clark of Philadelphia, Penn.

Children:

WALTER, b. —, 1859,  
HERBERT, b. —, 1860.

ELIZABETH FREESE<sup>5</sup> (RETIRE<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), married Henry C. Sargent of Suncook, N. H., November 26, 1879.

Child:

ADDIE MAY, b. July 6, 1882.

EDWIN ABRAHAM FREESE<sup>5</sup> (RETIRE<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), married Orville M. Luce of North Dixmont, Me., October 22, 1870. He is a prosperous lumber merchant and builder of South Framingham, Mass. He deserves special mention for having arisen from poverty to affluence by his own industry and unaided efforts. February 27, 1864, he enlisted in the Thirty-first Maine Regiment, and with it took part in the Battle of the Wilderness. He soon received a wound in the chin, and soon after a bullet entered his right breast, passing out under his arm. He was absent from his regiment from May 6 to December 2.

Children:

GEORGE RETIRE, b. in La Grange, Me., Jan. 29, 1872, killed in an elevator in Boston, May 4, 1901.  
OLIVE L., b. So. Framingham, Mass., Apr. 29, 1879; m. Rexford A. Nash, July 19, 1900.

STATE OF MAINE  
TO  
EDWIN A. FREESE,

You having borne an honorable part as a Volunteer from the State of Maine in the service of the United States in suppressing the Rebellion and thereby maintaining the integrity of the Union, the perpetuity of Republican Institutions and the liberties and peace of the People; now therefore I, Joshua L. Chamberlain, Governor and Commander in Chief by authority of the Legislature, present you this TESTIMONIAL to your patriotism, fidelity, courage, and suffering in the Common cause.

Given at Augusta this Fourth day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the ninety-second.

JOHN C. CALDWELL,  
*Adj. General.* JOSHUA L. CHAMBERLAIN,  
*Governor.*

MARTHA EMELINE FREESE<sup>5</sup> (RETIRE<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), married Henry R. Allen of Webster, Me., March 5, 1872.

## Children;

ERNEST H., b. Feb. 13, 1873, at Lewiston, Me.  
ISORA E., b. June 3, 1877, at Lewiston, Me.  
EDITH E., b. Feb. 13, 1879, at Auburn, Me.; m.—  
Mountfort. d. Mar. 7, 1899.  
ALICE MAUDE, b. Oct. 27, 1880, at Lisbon, Me.

GEORGE B. FREESE<sup>5</sup> (RETIRE<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), married, 1875, Hester Martin; born December 28, 1850. He is a farmer and resides in Hastings, Minn.

### Children:

RALPH E., b. Jan. 24, 1883; d. July 22, 1883.  
ROY E., b. Apr. 5, 1885.

MARY RIDER FREESE<sup>4</sup> (JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), was born in Orono, Me., March 2, 1807. She became the wife of Thomas Bishop. They resided in New Hampshire, Carroll, Me., Orono, Me., and Oskosh, Wis. The graves

of both are in Oskosh. She was "Aunt Mary" to all who knew her, which tells the story of her character and daily life as well as would a volume.

**Children:**

THOMAS, b. about 1828.

MASON, d. at about the age of 20.

CYRUS,

JONATHAN,

SHEPHERD,

BENJAMIN,

DANIEL,

OLIVE JANE. This only daughter was one of the loveliest of women.

ALLEN BLISS FREESE<sup>4</sup> (JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), was born March 13, 1809, in Orono, Me., and died there March 8, 1875. November 28, 1835 he married Electra, daughter of Benjamin Nason of Tamworth, N. H. She was born February 27, 1809; died November 21, 1882. She was highly endowed intellectually.

**Children:**

ABAGAIL, b. Sept. 25, 1836.

MARY, b. July 5, 1842.

The daughters shared the mental gifts of their mother.

ABAGAIL<sup>5</sup> (ALLEN<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), was born in La Grange, Me.; married Joseph Merriman of Orono.

**Children:**

ANNIE, b. Oct. 16, 1862, m. W. S. Marshall, Jan. 30, 1866.

EMMA, b. Feb. 21, 1865, m. Edwin Wyman, Oct. 21, 1899.

MARY FREESE<sup>5</sup> (ALLEN<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), was born in La Grange, Me.; died in Orono June 20, 1877. She married George Wilson Chick, February 23, 1866.

**Children:**

GEOORGIA, b. May 5, 1868.

ALLEN WILSON, b. May 10, 1874.

ANDREW JACKSON FREESE<sup>4</sup> (JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), was born in Orono, Me., October 13, 1816. He came into the world handicapped in two respects: he was born near-sighted and with but one hand. His father used to say, however, that his wit would compensate. He died September 17, 1884. He married Amelia Parsons Bickford, daughter of Benjamin and Lydia (Cram) Bickford of Tamworth, N. H. Her grandfather, Maj. James Cram, fought at Bunker Hill, and her grandfather, John Bickford, was a Revolutionary soldier, bearing ever after the war the mark of an English bullet. She was born July 9, 1816, and died October 27, 1905.

Children:

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, b. Apr. 8, 1839.

JOHN WESLEY, b. June 26, 1840.

ISAAC QUINT, b. Nov. 26, 1841. He enlisted as a private and served till the end of the war in Co. I, 18th Me. regt., Capt. I. M. Atwell, Col. Chaplin in command. He came home from the war in charge of his Co., being then the ranking officer.

He was a "scaler" of logs, and was drowned in one of the Rangely lakes, Me., Aug. 26, 1866.

CLARA L. VESTA, b. Jan. 21, 1844, in La Grange, Me. She began teaching at the age of sixteen in district schools, and continued to teach, with few interruptions, to the time of her marriage to Mr. Samuel Atwood, Jan. 6, 1886. She taught in Lynn, Mass., fifteen years. She died Aug. 17, 1892, beloved by all who knew her.

ORRIN SUMNER, b. Oct. 7, 1846. He was twice married.

He died in Cal., May 8, 1900.

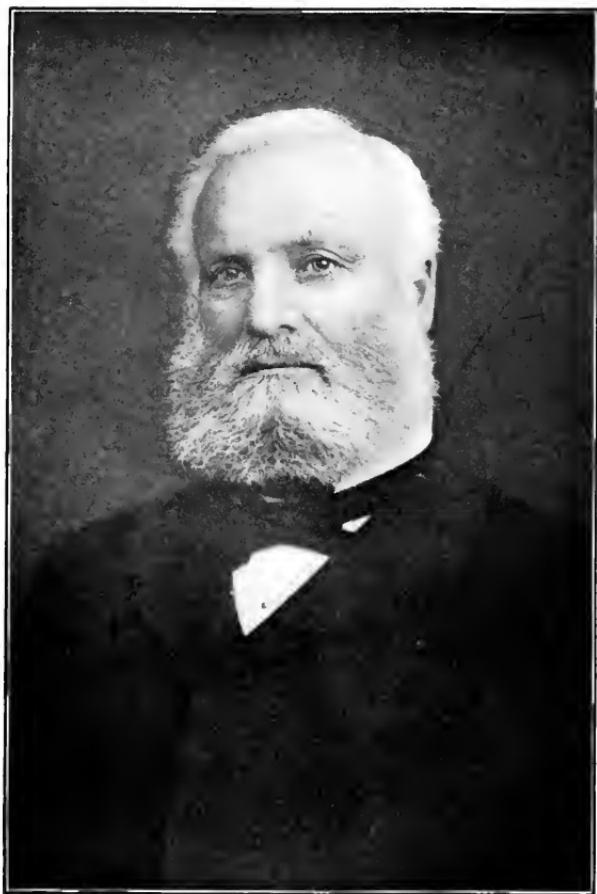
WILLIAM WALLACE, b. Aug. 27, 1848.

ELIZA M., b. June 29, 1852.

ANDREW JACKSON, JR., b. July 7, 1854.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN FREESE<sup>5</sup> (ANDREW<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), was born in Eaton (now Madison), N. H.; is a farmer, and married Mary E. Heald September 19, 1867. His wife was born April 27, 1850. She was a daughter of Charles and Priscilla (Tilden) Heald. She died September 18, 1894. He reared a family of eight children. There can be no higher praise for a New England farmer.





JOHN WESLEY FREESE

## Children:

E. LOGAN, b. Dec. 25, 1869.  
ETHEL A., b. Oct. 7, 1871.  
C. LILLIAN, b. Feb. 17, 1873.  
ISAAC QUINT, b. Sept. 4, 1875.  
BENJAMIN F., JR., b. Dec. 9, 1877.  
NATHAN GREEN, b. Apr. 19, 1880.  
WILLIAM LEE, b. Aug. 1, 1886.  
MARY ELLEN, b. May 19, 1888.

Logan, a farmer, married Mildred C. Adams of La Grange, July 11, 1889.

## Child:

FLORA E., b. Oct. 30, 1890.

C. Lilian, married John Frye, of Wellington, Me., Oct. 27, 1896. Both were teachers of district schools for several years.

Isaac Q., a locomotive engineer, married Mary E. Blethen, of Foxcroft, Me., June 12, 1898.

Benjamin F., Jr., married Minnie M. Hall, of Atkinson, Me., Oct. 5, 1902.

Nathan Green, married Lillian M. Pray, July 15, 1902.

JOHN WESLEY FREESE<sup>5</sup>, A.B., A.M. (ANDREW<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), was born in Eaton (now Madison), N. H., June 26, 1840, and married Helen M. Wyman of Sebec, Me., August 14, 1873. His father claimed and received his wages (earned chiefly on a farm) till he became of age, after which he fitted for and entered Waterville College, Me., in 1864. He entered Tufts College, Mass., in 1865 and was graduated in 1868. He has been a teacher for forty-five years. He began teaching in his own school district, having among his pupils three brothers and two sisters. He taught two winters each in Orland and Stockton, Me., and was for eleven years principal of the Ingalls School, Lynn, Mass. He then was chosen "governor" in the Friends School, Providence, R. I. He taught one year in Boston as sub-master, but is now master of the Houghton School (formerly the Washington), Cambridge, Mass. He is the author of "Historic Houses and Spots," and genealogy of the Freece family. He has made contributions to the press on a variety of subjects and has appeared in public as lecturer on local history on several occasions. He is a member of

the American Forestry Association, a charter member of the Cambridge Historical Society, and a member of the Unitarian Club of the First Parish Church, Cambridge. He served his alma mater on the board of visitors two years, the second year as chairman. His Greek letter society was Delta Kappa Epsilon.

He rejoices, as do his brothers, in being eligible to the Sons of the American Revolution because of the military service of three great-grandfathers—Abraham Freese, Maj. James Cram, and John Bickford.

WILLIAM WALLACE FREESE<sup>5</sup> (ANDREW<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), married Emma Mason October 19, 1876, and secondly, Belle Burnham (Bailey) August 29, 1897. He is a farmer and lumberman.

Children:

LAWRENCE M., b. July 20, 1877, in Folsom, Cal.

AMELIA E., b. Feb. 23, 1879, in Folsom, Cal.; m. Geo. C. Heseltine, Feb. 23, 1898, by whom she has one child, Geo. Vaughan.

CLIFFORD, b. Nov. 23, 1881, in Folsom, Cal. At the beginning of the Spanish-American War, he enlisted in the U. S. regular army for three years, serving in Cuba and the Philippines, and received an honorable discharge. Feb. 20, 1904, he married Myra Squares, of Howland, Me.

ELIZA M. FREESE<sup>5</sup> (ANDREW<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), married Wilmer E. Richardson of Bass Harbor, Me., in August, 1874. She died March 21, 1896. Her husband, born May 14, 1851, died June 16, 1889. His father was Abraham. Eliza was like the sunshine.

Children:

HELEN CLARA, b. Nov. 20, 1875; m. Dr. L. Sherman Cleaves, of Bar Harbor, Me.

GERTRUDE, b. Apr. 1, 1877; m. Melville Foster, of Bar Harbor, Me.

Children:

HELEN ONOLEE, b. Mar. 17, 1900.

JOHN FREESE, b. Mar. 12, 1904; was named for the writer.

ANDREW JACKSON FREESE, JR.<sup>5</sup> (ANDREW<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), was born in La Grange, Me., July 7, 1854, and married Georgiana, daughter of Jacob W. and Sarah E. (Grant) Peters of Portland, Oregon, at Oakland, Cal., November 20, 1897. His college course was interrupted by sickness at the end of two years.

Children:

WINFIELD SUMNER, b. Nov. 6, 1900, in San Francisco, Cal.

JESSIE CLARA, b. Aug. 24, 1902, in San Francisco, Cal.

PAUL DUDLEY FREESE<sup>4</sup> (JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), was born August 14, 1820. He married Alice B. Harvey July 27, 1846. He died August 3, 1901 in Lewiston, Me. He was a farmer and a most excellent man, who never failed to command the respect of all with whom he came in contact. His wife died June 8, 1870, in La Grange, Me.

Children:

MYRON H., b. Apr. 1, 1848; d. Aug. 18, 1866, of malaria. He was a soldier in the 15th Me. regt., Col. F. M. Drew.

BETSY A., b. Sept. 19, 1850; d. July 30, 1863, of diphtheria.

FOREST E., b. May 2, 1853. He is a Baptist minister, and a preacher of marked ability.

CHARLES F., b. Sept. 9, 1856.

ARTHUR S., b. Dec. 9, 1865.

ARTHUR SAMUEL FREESE<sup>5</sup> (PAUL<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), was born in La Grange, Me., December 9, 1865. He married Marion Ellen Casson in Lewiston, Me. He studied for the ministry in Bangor, and is now in charge of mission schools in Kansas, under the auspices of the Episcopal Church. He is poor, it may be, in worldly goods, but rich in the possession of a loyal, loving family.

Children:

ZAIDA ALICE, b. Jan. 2, 1884, in Lewiston, Me.

ANNIE RAY, b. Mar. 3, 1886, in Lewiston, Me.

CLARA INEZ, b. Feb. 26, 1888, in Lewiston, Me.

PAUL FOREST, b. Sept. 6, 1890, in Lewiston, Me.; d. Oct. 9, 1895, in Milford, Me.

HERBERT LINWOOD, b. Oct. 9, 1892, in Lewiston, Me.

DOROTHEA, b. Apr. 15, 1899, in Lewiston, Me.

JOHN WALLACE, b. June 22, 1901, in Lewiston, Me.

EDWARD FRENCH FREESE<sup>4</sup> (JOHN<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), was born in Orono, Me., August 26, 1822, and died in Veasy, Me., about 1900. For the greater part of his life he worked in lumber mills and on the river. He (a mere boy) married Hulda Spencer in 1839.

Children :

EDWARD FRENCH, b. about 1842; m. Lizzie Campbell.  
 JOHN, b. in Orono; m. Emma Antoine.  
 JENNIE, b. in Orono; m. Frank M. Babcock.  
 ACHA, b. in Orono; m. James West.  
 CORA E., b. in Orono.

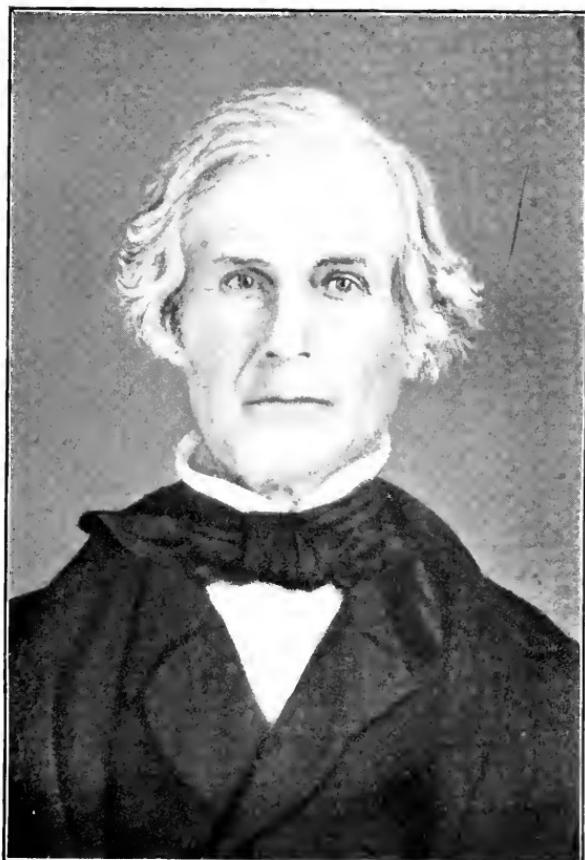
I am sorry not to have had more definite data of this family.

ABAGAIL FREESE<sup>3</sup> (ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), was born in Bangor, Me., October 8, 1780, and died May 1, 1831. Her husband was Joshua Lunt.

Children :

ABAGAIL, b. Feb. 3, 1798, in Orono, Me.  
 JOSHUA, b. Aug. 24, 1799, in Orono, Me.  
 JOHN, b. June 10, 1801, in Orono, Me.  
 MARY, b. June 22, 1803, in Orono, Me.  
 HANNAH, b. Dec. 20, 1804, in Orono, Me.  
 MARGARET, b. Oct. 1, 1806, in Orono, Me.  
 WILLIAM, b. Oct. 23, 1808, in Orono, Me.  
 ELMIRA, b. Apr. 16, 1810, in Orono, Me.  
 ABRAHAM, b. May 30, 1812, in Orono, Me.  
 SUSAN, b. July 10, 1814, in Orono, Me.  
 ISAAC, b. May 22, 1816, in Orono, Me.  
 OLIVE, b. June 10, 1818, in Orono, Me.  
 FANNY, b. Oct. 9, 1821, in Orono, Me.

RETIRE WHITTEMORE FREES<sup>3</sup> (ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), was born in Bangor, Me., January 19, 1785. He died in Orono, Me., October 22, 1860. He seems to have purchased of the heirs the homestead of his father, where he lived for more than fifty years. I knew him well, for I did chores for him for my board several winters, that I might have the advantage of the good schools of Orono. In consequence of this intimate acquaintance I cherish for him, as for his brother, my grandfather, the most affectionate remembrance. He was one of the selectmen of Orono in 1811, and was sent



RETIRE WHITTEMORE FREES



to represent his district in the legislature in 1839. On this occasion he seems to have been late in securing hotel accommodations, and so was obliged to accept a room several stories up. Interviewing the proprietor, he stroked the sleeve of his coat, and remarked that he "considered the room hardly corresponded with the cloth." He married Fanny White, sister of Daniel, of Orono, December 23, 1810. She was born January 28, 1793, and died July 14, 1870. The children of Retire and Fanny seem to have had as natural a gift for music as have ducks for swimming. At one time a choir of a dozen or so consisted wholly of persons connected with the family, mostly of sons and daughters, the music being by voice and stringed instruments.

#### Children:

- SAMUEL W., b. Oct. 12, 1811; d. June 15, 1861.
- JONATHAN, b. Sept. 17, 1812; killed by accident in Cal.
- FANNY W., b. Aug. 24, 1814; d. July 14, 1876.
- BENJAMIN M., b. Jan. 18, 1816; d. Dec. 17, 1846.
- HANNAH W., b. Feb. 14, 1818; d. Feb. 7, 1865.
- ABAGAIL W., b. July 15, 1823; d. Nov. 29, 1897. She married Benjamin Stewart, June 7, 1847.
- DANIEL W., b. June 23, 1824; d. Aug. 22, 1825.
- DANIEL W., b. Dec. 16, 1826; d. —, 1904.
- BETSY W., b. Aug. 5, 1828; d. Aug. 30, 1867, in Rockland, Me.
- RETIRE W., b. Aug. 26, 1830.
- JOHN W., b. July 6, 1833; d. Sept. 18, 1892, at St. Helena, Cal.
- REBECCA R., b. June 10, 1837; d. Jan. 30, 1902, in Orono, Me. She became the second wife of Richard Lord.

SAMUEL W. FREES<sup>4</sup> (RETIRE<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), was postmaster in Orono during Pierce's administration. He married Hannah Ramsdell.

#### Children:

- MAJ. SAMUEL W., b. in Orono, Me., Mar. 12, 1854; d. Feb. 24, 1902, in San Francisco, Cal.

SAMUEL W. FREES<sup>5</sup> (SAMUEL<sup>4</sup>, RETIRE<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), married April, 1890, Lulu Greathouse.

## Children:

LULU FANNY, b. Nov. 6, 1891.  
WILLARD B., b. Nov. 13, 1892.

FRANK J. FREES<sup>5</sup> (SAMUEL<sup>4</sup>, RETIRE<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), was born in Orono, Me., February 19, 1857, and died in Atkinson, Me., May 8, 1901. May 11, 1882, he married Caroline A., daughter of Caleb Ford.

## Children:

HANNAH ELIZABETH, b. Aug. 2, 1889, in Atkinson.  
HELEN AMANDA, b. May 23, 1891, in Atkinson.  
FANNY JUNE, b. June 21, 1895.

FANNY WHITE FREES<sup>5</sup> (SAMUEL<sup>4</sup>, RETIRE<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), was born in Orono, Me., April 13, 1859. December 20, 1898 she became the wife of Geo. T. Vanvoorhees, M.D., of Kernville, Cal.

JONATHAN FREES<sup>4</sup> (RETIRE<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), went to California soon after the discovery of gold, and engaged successfully in lumbering. He married Elizabeth A. Dalton of Ashland, Me., June 18, 1865. She was born May 4, 1834. He was killed by an accident October 14, 1875.

## Children:

BENJAMIN FRANK, b. Mar. 21, 1866; m. Grace Snow, 1887. He was killed by a fall Oct. 14, 1891.  
CHARLES WESLEY, b. Mar. 4, 1870. He has one child, a boy.

FANNY W. FREES<sup>4</sup> (RETIRE<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), married William Lunt, son of Abigail, daughter of Abraham.

## Children:

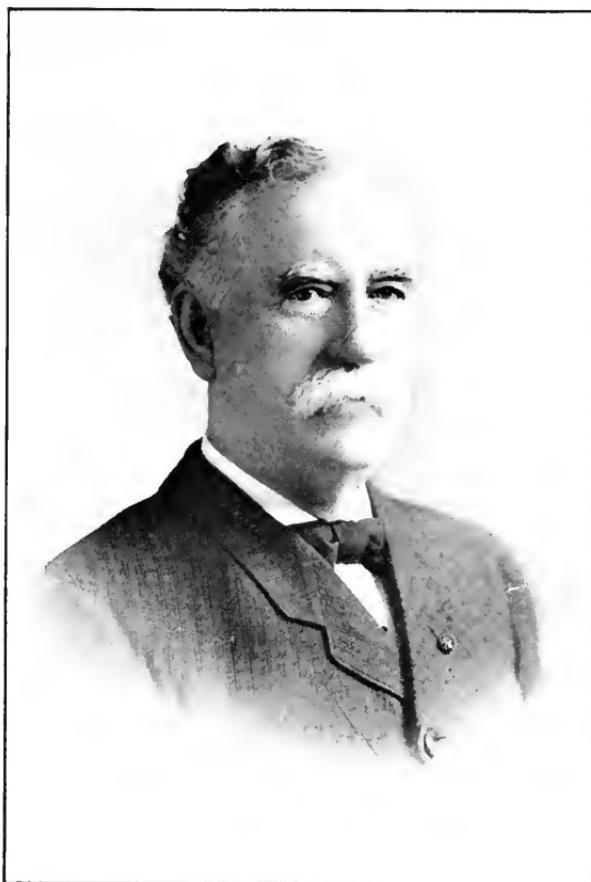
WALTER R., b. Mar. 23, 1841; d. 1884 (?).  
WILLIAM F., b. Feb. 23, 1851; d. Apr. 17, 1904.

BENJAMIN FRANK FREES<sup>5</sup> (JONATHAN<sup>4</sup>, RETIRE<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>).

## Children:

NORMAN W., b. Sept. 5, 1888.  
BENJAMIN M., b. Oct. 4, 1890.





CAPT. BENJAMIN MARSH FREES

BENJAMIN MARSH FREES<sup>4</sup> (RETIRE<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), was a successful teacher, but died in the prime of life, December 17, 1846. He married Maria F. Buffum of Orono, Me., December 6, 1844. She was born July 3, 1819.

Child:

BENJAMIN MARSH FREES<sup>5</sup> (BENJAMIN<sup>4</sup>, RETIRE<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), was born August 3, 1846. April 10, 1877, he married Ellie R., daughter of Dr. Henry O. Adams. He is a wealthy lumber dealer, with yards in Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, and Chicago, where he resides. On the 18th anniversary of his birth he enlisted in the 38th Wisconsin, and was made captain of his company by promotion. He is and long has been the chief support of less fortunate relatives.

HANNAH D. FREES<sup>4</sup> (RETIRE<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), married Richard Lord in September, 1844. She was considered one of the most beautiful of women, and the writer knows that the qualities of her mind and heart would match any other personal charms, however exalted. She died February 7, 1865.

Children:

CLARA, b. Aug. —, 1846, in Orono; d. July, 1851.

HANNAH, b. Jan. —, 1850, in Orono. She married Prof. Allen E. Rogers, of the University of Me., Nov. 1, 1891. The naming of her for her mother was but a prophetic *wish*. It has been fully realized.

RICHARD, b. —, Apr., 1852; d. —, Oct., 1871.

ABAGAIL W. FREES<sup>4</sup> (RETIRE<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), married Benjamin Stewart June 7, 1847; died November 29, 1897.

Child:

ABBY (BABBLE?), adopted.

DANIEL W. FREES<sup>4</sup> (RETIRE<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), was a teacher of music and a noted bass singer. He married Martha Fly. He died September 2, 1904, in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia.

Children:

CHARLES FRANKLIN, b. Apr. 20, 1856.

JENNIE MARIA, b. Feb. 24, 1858.

MILITARY ORDER OF THE LOYAL LEGION OF THE  
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SAN FRANCISCO, NOVEMBER 15TH, 1892.

IN MEMORIAM.

JOHN WESLEY FREESE<sup>4</sup> (RETIRE<sup>3</sup>, ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), Captain 1st Maine Volunteers; died near St. Helena, Cal., Sunday, September 18, 1892. He was born July 6, 1834, at Orono, Me. He enlisted in the 7th Maine Volunteer Infantry in April, 1861, and was appointed and commissioned Captain in same regiment in the following August. He was transferred to the 1st District Columbia Cavalry February 17, 1864, and again transferred to the 1st Maine Cavalry August 27, 1864; was brevetted Major March 15, 1865, for gallant and meritorious services, and was honorably mustered out at the close of the war August 1, 1865. His war service was very creditable, and he served in the field during the whole war with the Armies of the Potomac and James. With the 7th Maine Infantry he was attached to Davidson's 3d Brigade, Smith's 2d Division, 6th Army Corps, participating in the Peninsular Campaign, Siege of Yorktown, and battles of Williamsburg, Golding's Farm, Savage Station, White Oak Swamp, Malvern Hill, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. With the 1st District Columbia Cavalry he served in Kautz's Cavalry Division, Army of the James, March to August, 1864, and took part in the campaign in front of Petersburg. With the 1st Maine Cavalry he was attached to the 2d Brigade, 2d Division, Cavalry Corps, from August, 1864, to the close of the war, and participated in all the engagements of the command during this period. He passed through many battles without a scratch, but received a severe wound in one of the latest battles of the war, at Sailor's Creek, April 6, 1865.

Companion Freese having moved to California, settled in Eureka, where he has long been known as an upright and public spirited citizen. He joined the National Guard of California in 1879, of which he was always an active and

useful member, and at the time of his death he was Brigadier-General commanding the 6th Brigade, N. G. C.

He was elected a Companion of the First Class (No. 920) Commandery of California, May 26, 1891. Insignia No. 8881.

Our Companion during the summer returned from an extended visit to his old home in Maine, taken for the benefit of his health, which had not been good for some time past, but he had not benefited as much as he expected, and he was sojourning on Howell Mountain when he was summoned to another life.

He was buried September 25th at his home, and was followed to his grave by Companions resident in Eureka, Cal.

He was a high-minded, honorable, noble-hearted man, and he met his death like a true soldier; we mourn his loss and extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved widow.

*The Commandery of the State of California,*

W. R. SMEDBERG,

Bvt. Lieut. Col. U. S. Army,

*Recorder.*

He married Brenda W., daughter of Hiram Fuller of Hallowell, Me., January 11, 1872. By profession he was a dentist.

Child:

THEKLA, b. Oct. 19, 1875; d. May 12, 1876.

HANNAH FREESE<sup>3</sup> (ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), was born in Bangor, Me., May 26, 1788, and died December 6, 1867, in Orono, Me. She married James Lunt, June 6, 1806.

Children:

HENRY, b. Mar. 19, 1807, in Orono, Me.

MALINDA, b. Aug. 25, 1808, in Orono, Me.

JUDAH, b. Apr. 19, 1810, in Orono, Me.

LUCINDA, b. Aug. 3, 1812, in Orono, Me.

NATHANIEL, b. Oct. 3, 1814, in Orono, Me.; d. Apr. 4, 1892, in Orono.

REBECCA, b. Sept. 18, 1816, in Orono, Me.

LUCRETIA, b. Feb. 3, 1819, in Orono, Me.

ABRAHAM, b. Mar. 23, 1821, in Orono, Me.

JAMES, b. Nov. 10, 1825, in Orono, Me.

ISAAC FREESE<sup>2</sup> (JOHN<sup>1</sup>) seems to have been in Deer Isle, Me., as late as 1783, for he and his brother Abraham were witnesses to a contract there during that year. "Dec. 16, 1786, Abraham Freese, Isaac Freese — schedule of deeds from Mass. Rec'ds showing nearly every settler prior to Feb. 17, 1798, and near by where they located, running from Hampden to Orono line." "Lot No. 33, Robert Treat assignee of Isaac Freese. Lot No. 34, Robert Treat assignee of Abraham Freese. Lot No. 35, Bulkley Emerson assignee of John Freese. In March 1787 Isaac Freese was chosen a 'Com.' at the town meeting [in Bangor].

"In 1788 Isaac Freese and Jeremiah Colburn [were] surveyors of roads. In 1787 Isaac Freese was one of the petitioners for incorporation under the name of Luneburg, which was not granted. This name is of peculiar interest as tending to show that the New England Freeses and the James of the coat of arms had a common country, as Luneburg was a part of ancient Saxony. Isaac Freese of Penobscot River\* and Abraham Freese for £200 sell Ignatius and Solomon Haskell of Newbury,† a tract of land in Deer Isle near Long Cave September 2, 1778, Vol. I, p. 367, Hancock Records." The compiler of the Freese gynaealogy has much to regret in that the early records of Argyle and Ellsworth were burned, for both towns had among their early settlers Freeses from Deer Isle, Me. But, since the records show that Abraham and Isaac were in Bangor at the same time, and that the former went to Orono in 1790, it is probable that Isaac went to Argyle at or about the same time.

In the records quoted above is found the following:

1796, January 26, Edward Garland married Abigail Freese of Coburntown (Orono?). She may have been a daughter of Isaac. But George Freese of Deer Isle had a daughter Abigail, born November 26, 1775, who may have been the Mrs. Garland.

In Lincoln Prob. Rec. I find: August 1787, Silas Hawthorn, late of Penobscot River, Adm'r. Inventory by Andrew Webster, James Budge, and Isaac Freeze, all of Penob-

\*Was "Penobscot River" ever a name of either Bangor, Orono, or Argyle? If not, the name is indefinite.

†Newbury, Mass., was at one time the home of one or more Freese families.

scot River (Orono?). Also inv. of property of late Courtney Babbage of Deer Island, by Joseph Whitmore, Belcher Tyler, and George Frees, June 1784.

Isaac Freese, Jr., born (probably in Bangor, Me.) in 1779, lived and died in Argyle, so there can be no doubt of his having been the son of Isaac of Bangor.

The brief limits of this work will not permit of eulogiums of the individuals of this or any branch of the family, however deserving, except in a few cases of marked individuality, but it affords the author much pleasure to be able to record the fact that, with few exceptions, they have been and are held in esteem by their neighbors and townsmen for those qualities and traits of character essential to good citizenship —honesty, veracity and charity.

We find no record of the birth of Isaac, of Deer Isle, but in the records of the Revolution the statement is made that Abraham was twenty-six years old at the time of his enlistment in 1775. This fixes the year of his birth as 1749. Isaac's birth could not have been far from 1750.

ISAAC FREESE<sup>2</sup> (JOHN<sup>1</sup>), was born (place not known) about 1750.

#### Children:

ISAAC, JR., b. Aug. 24, 1779; d. Sept. 10, 1857, in Argyle; m. Rebecca Hearthorne, July 23, 1800; d. June 12, 1811.

WILLIAM, b. —, 1786; d. Jan. 4, 1861; m. Sally Carr; d. Aug. 13, 1834.

GEORGE, b. Sept. 7, 1796; d. Apr. 9, 1855.

JOHN, b. —,

SARAH, b. Apr. 17, 1785.

DOLLY, b. —; m. Hildreth.

POLLY, b. —; m. Dudley.

BATHIAH, b. —; m. Marsh.

HANNAH, b. —; m. Jellison—Jones.

SUSAN, b. —; m. Babbage.

ISAAC FREESE, JR.<sup>3</sup> (ISAAC<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), was much respected not only by his white neighbors but by the Indians with whom he used to skate and wrestle. He was known as peacemaker between them and his white neighbors. On one occasion he probably saved the life of a Mr. Davis by seizing

a weapon that had been raised by Peol (see poems of David Barker), chief of the Penobscot tribe.

Children:

- SUSANNA, b. Dec. 3, 1801; d. Aug. 20, 1802.
- LUCY, b. June 3, 1803; d. July 13, 1806.
- JEREMIAH, b. Mar. 23, 1805; d. Apr. 12, 1877.
- WILLIAM, b. Apr. 8, 1807; d. Apr. 27, 1889.
- REUBEN, b. Mar. 3, 1809; d. Mar. 25, 1873.
- SAMUEL, b. Feb. 17, 1811; d. Nov. 16, 1853.
- REBECCA, b. Sept. 19, 1814; d. Apr. 16, 1886.
- ISAAC, b. June 17, 1817; d. July 22, 1884.
- GILBERT W., b. Aug. 18, 1819; d. May 25, 1896.

Isaac Freese, Jr. married for his second wife Mehitable J. Warren, Dec. 12, 1813. She died Aug. 18, 1858.

JEREMIAH M. FREESE<sup>4</sup> (ISAAC<sup>3</sup>, ISAAC<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born in Argyle March 23, 1805, and died there April 12, 1877. He was a farmer and lumberman. September 20, 1832, he married Matilda Page, who was born in Frankfort, Waldo Co., Me., November 16, 1809, and died December 5, 1881.

Children:

- WASHINGTON C., b. July 7, 1835; d. Dec. 26, 1880.
- ANN M., b. Apr. 23, 1837; d. Feb. 3, 1873.
- WILLIAM W., b. Nov. 5, 1841.
- ANDREW J., b. Nov. 13, 1844.
- GEORGE P., b. Mar. 27, 1847.
- MAGARET A., b. May 9, 1849.
- MARY M., b. Aug. 3, 1852.
- SAMUEL F., b. July 21, 1854; d. Dec. 31, 1885.

WASHINGTON FREESE<sup>5</sup> (JEREMIAH<sup>4</sup>, ISAAC<sup>3</sup>, ISAAC<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born in Argyle July 7, 1835, and died December 26, 1880. May 14, 1863, he married Abbie M. Fernald of Winterport, Me. He was a merchant.

Children:

- ISAIAH H., b. May 16, 1866.
- ANNIE G., b. Oct. 8, 1873; d. Apr. 15, 1881.

WILLIAM W. FREESE<sup>5</sup> (JEREMIAH<sup>4</sup>, ISAAC<sup>3</sup>, ISAAC<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born in Argyle November 5, 1841. July 31,



JEREMIAH FREESE AND WIFE



1863, he married Melissa A. Grant. He was a lumberman. He represented his district in the legislature 1899-1900.

Children:

BURDELL W., b. Feb. 18, 1865; m. Jennie S. Price, Aug. 18, 1898.

MATTIE D., b. Aug. 21, 1867; m. Franklin W. Price, July 9, 1887; d. Feb. 27, 1894.

ARCHIE H., b. Nov. 18, 1869; d. Feb. 27, 1895.

WENTWORTH N., b. May 5, 1881; m. Gertrude V. Gibson, Apr. 30, 1902.

MATTIE D. FREESE<sup>6</sup> (WILLIAM<sup>5</sup>, JEREMIAH<sup>4</sup>, ISAAC<sup>3</sup>, ISAAC<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) married Franklin W. Price July 9, 1887.

Children:

ROSCOE H., b. Apr. 6, 1889, in Argyle, Me.

GRACE M., b. Oct. 18, 1891, in Argyle, Me.

ANNIE M., b. June 22, 1898.

GEORGE P. FREESE<sup>5</sup> (JEREMIAH<sup>4</sup>, ISAAC<sup>3</sup>, ISAAC<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born in Argyle March 27, 1847, and married August 23, 1876, Ida E. Lindsay.

Child:

EARL P., b. Oct. 31, 1883.

MARGARET A. FREESE<sup>5</sup> (JEREMIAH<sup>4</sup>, ISAAC<sup>3</sup>, ISAAC<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born in Argyle May 9, 1849. August 22, 1873, she became the wife of Mr. William F. Bussell of Argyle, Me.

Children:

HAROLD F., b. Sept. 10, 1875, in Argyle.

LEON W., b. Jan. 15, 1894, in Argyle.

MARY M. FREESE<sup>5</sup> (JEREMIAH<sup>4</sup>, ISAAC<sup>3</sup>, ISAAC<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born in Argyle, Me., April 3, 1852, and became the wife of Harvey H. Foster November 4, 1871.

Children:

ROSCOE C., b. May 25, 1884, in Waterville, Me.

JESSAMINE, b. July 4, 1891, in Waterville, Me.

SAMUEL F. FREESE<sup>5</sup> (JEREMIAH<sup>4</sup>, ISAAC<sup>3</sup>, ISAAC<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born in Argyle July 21, 1854, and died December 31, 1885. October 7, 1876, he married Florence Lindsay.

Children:

MAUD G., b. Feb. 23, 1878, in Medford, Me.  
KATIE, b. Feb. 9, 1883, in Waterville, Me.

WILLIAM L. FREESE<sup>4</sup> (ISAAC<sup>3</sup>, ISAAC<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born in Argyle April 8, 1807, and died April 27, 1889. October 18, 1851, he married Louisa H. Marsh, who died October 6, 1883. Her father's name was John Marsh; her mother's, Bethia Freese, granddaughter of Isaac Freese, Jr. William L. Freese was a lumberman and farmer.

Children:

CHARLOTTE H., b. Dec. 31, 1854; d. Feb. 26, 1891.  
JEREMIAH MORRELL, b. Feb. 12, 1856.

JEREMIAH M. FREESE<sup>5</sup> (WILLIAM L.<sup>4</sup>, ISAAC<sup>3</sup>, ISAAC<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born February 12, 1856, and married Louisa M. Tracy August 27, 1884. She died October 21, 1904.

Child:

RUEL W., b. July 26, 1889, in Argyle; d. Mar. 3, 1891.

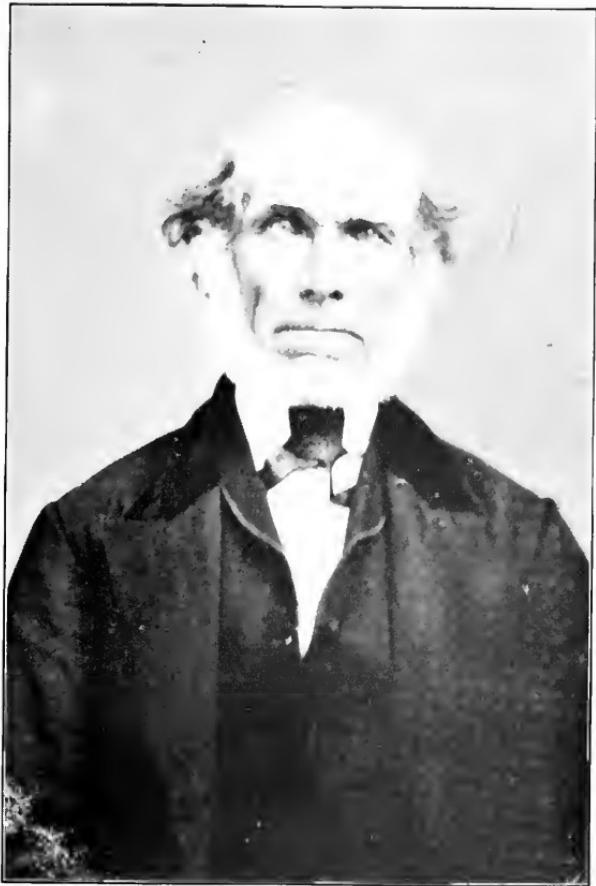
REUBEN FREESE<sup>4</sup> (ISAAC<sup>3</sup>, ISAAC<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born in Argyle, Me., March 3, 1809, and died March 25, 1873. October 18, 1849, he married Sarah J. Mann, who died November 24, 1893. He was a farmer and lumberman.

Children:

ALBERT C., b. Jan. 26, 1851; d. Oct. 26, 1868.  
ALICE M., b. Apr. 25, 1854; d. Nov. 25, 1861.

ISAAC FREESE, 3d<sup>4</sup> (ISAAC<sup>3</sup>, ISAAC, JR.<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), was born in Argyle, Me., June 13, 1817, and died July 22, 1884. October 20, 1860, he married Sarah J. Marsh, daughter of John and Bethiah (Freese) Marsh. She died April 29, 1895. He was a lumberman and farmer.

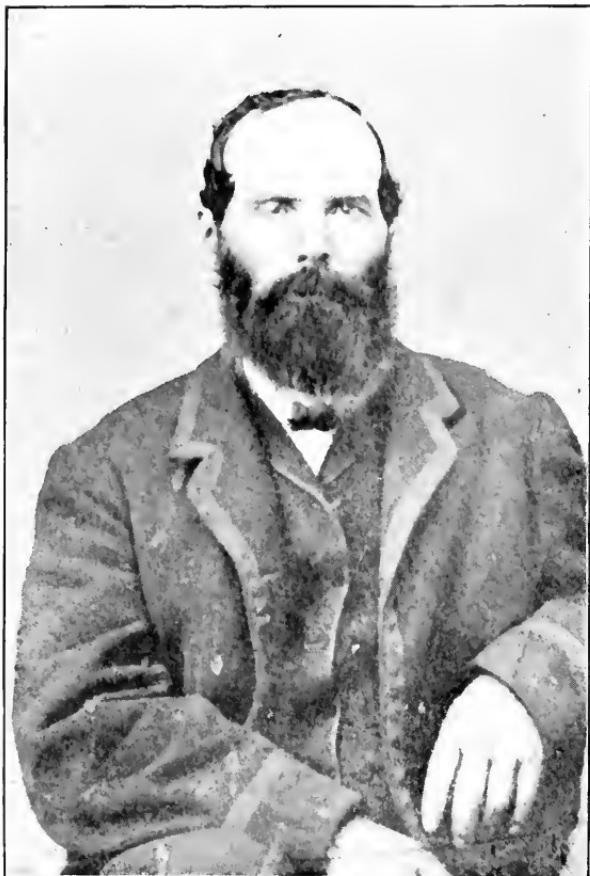
GILBERT WARREN FREESE<sup>4</sup> (ISAAC 2d<sup>3</sup>, ISAAC, JR.<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born August 18, 1819, in Argyle, and died May 25, 1896. November 17, 1844, he married Martha A.



REUBEN FREESE







GILBERT WARREN FREESE

Lowe, who was born May 10, 1824, in Orono. She died October 25, 1890. He was a lumberman and farmer.

Children:

- NETTIE WARREN, b. June 25, 1847, in Argyle; m. William W. Brown, Jan. 7, 1871.
- GILBERT C., b. Apr. 12, 1849, in Argyle.
- SAMUEL L., b. Mar. 22, 1853.
- HARRIET F., b. Feb. 9, 1858; m. Chas. W. Dowe, Aug. 30, 1884.
- ISAAC W., b. Feb. 12, 1860; d. Oct. 11, 1862.

SAMUEL L. FREESE<sup>5</sup> (GILBERT<sup>4</sup>, ISAAC, JR.<sup>3</sup>, ISAAC<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), was born in Argyle, March 22, 1853, and married Marcia E. Welch, September 22, 1878. He is a farmer and lumberman.

Children:

- GILBERT L., b. July 22, 1879, in Argyle.
- ETHEL E., b. Nov. 5, 1882, in Argyle.

Ethel has had considerable experience as a teacher.

SARAH FREESE<sup>3</sup> (ISAAC<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>) was born April 17, 1785, and died June 15, 1854. July 21, 1802, she married John Bussell, who died July 5, 1839.

Children:

- STEPHEN, b. Oct. 9, 1803.
- LUCY, b. Jan. 19, 1805.
- JOHN, JR., b. June 10, 1806.
- ISAAC F., b. Oct. 3, 1808.
- GEORGE F., b. May 11, 1810.
- LYDIA T., b. Mar. 18, 1812.
- NANCY, b. Dec. 29, 1813.
- NANCY V., b. Mar. 9, 1816.
- WILLIAM F., b. July 19, 1819.
- DUDLEY, b. Mar. 26, 1821.
- SARAH F., b. Dec. 1, 1822.
- ALFRED W., b. Mar. 2, 1825.
- ISIAH W., b. June 2, 1827.

WILLIAM FREESE<sup>3</sup> (ISAAC<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), was born in 1786, and died January 4, 1861. His wife was Sally Carr, who died August 13, 1834.

## Children:

- SUSAN, b. 1811; m. John Jellison, about 1828; d. about 1860.
- ISAAC H., b. Mar. 3, 1813; m. Susan Perkins, about 1836; d. Nov., 1888.
- MARY, b. about 1816; m. about 1836, Benjamin Bullard.
- MARGARET, b. July 9, 1818; m. Moses Jellison, in Jan., 1834; d. May 18, 1885.
- BENJAMIN, b. May 2, 1820; m. Anne Jellison, about 1845; d. Oct. 3, 1893.
- JOHN, b. Mar. 27, 1822; m. Eliza Brown, about 1850.
- HARRIET NEWELL, b. Mar. 3, 1825; m. Samuel L. Whitcomb, in 1849; d. Nov. 14, 1885. Her children were Roswell; b. 1851; d. in infancy; Samuel Willis; b. July 31, 1854. One other son died in infancy.
- WILLIAM HENRY, b. Apr. 13, 1827; m. 1855; d. Mar. 15, 1895.
- NOAH L., b. Apr. 13, 1830; m. Annie Armstrong, Sept., 1861. Jan. 1, 1871, he m. Maria A. Smith of Salem, Mass.
- EDMUND C., b. May 14, 1832; d. in the South, about 1858. All were b. in Argyle, Me.

Noah says his father went from Orono to Argyle at the age of fifteen. This would mean the year 1801, a little more than twenty years before Capt. John Freese settled La Grange.

ISAAC H. FREESE<sup>4</sup> (WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, ISAAC<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), was born in Argyle, Me., March 3, 1813, married Susan Perkins about 1836.

## Children:

- FREEMAN DEAN, b. in Portland, 1836.
- EDWIN LE FOREST, b. in Portland; m. Emma Davis.
- LEVI WOODBURY, b. —,
- MELVIN, b. —, 1851; m. Mattie E. Lee, of Foxcroft, Me., Apr. 17, 1873.
- FRANCES ALICE, b. Bangor; m. Geo. Farmer, one child, Alice Olive.
- WILLIAM ALBERT; m. Ada Towle, Bangor, one child, Charles Boutelle.

MELVIN FREESE<sup>5</sup> (ISAAC H.<sup>4</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, ISAAC<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>).

## Children :

L. MABEL, b. Mar. 24, 1874, Foxcroft.  
 JAMES M., b. Nov. 15, 1875, Foxcroft.  
 HELEN I., b. Feb. 17, 1880, Foxcroft.

Mabel is a teacher of ability and success, and has contributed articles on temperance, and on other subjects, to the press.

MARGARET CARR FREESE<sup>4</sup> (WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, ISAAC<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), was born in Argyle, Me., July 9, 1818; married Moses Jellison, January, 1834; died May 18, 1885.

## Children :

FERNANDO, b. Feb. 21, 1835; d. Apr., 1864.  
 THEODORE, b. Mar. 8, 1837; d. Apr., 1896.  
 MARY ELLEN, b. Feb. 6, 1839; d. May, 1856.  
 HARRIET, b. May 11, 1841; d. Jan., 1904.  
 EMMA, b. Mar. 17, 1843.  
 AMELIA, b. Feb. 13, 1848; d. Apr., 1894.  
 HENRY, b. Aug. 19, 1851; d. Sept., 1872.

BENJAMIN CARR FREESE<sup>4</sup> (WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, ISAAC<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), married Elizabeth Van Norman August 22, 1873. By a former wife he had

## Children :

FRANKLIN B., b. 1853; d. about 1880.  
 EDGAR ALONZO, b. Apr. 29, 1860, and has five children whose names I have not been able to learn.  
 HARRY W., b. July 30, 1867; m. —; no children.  
 NELLIE L., b. June 6, 1875 (mother Van Norman) and has one child.

Nellie L's name is Wynne.

JOHN FREESE<sup>4</sup> (WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, ISAAC<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>).

## Children :

JOHN, b. about 1851; d. about 1853.  
 CHARLES A., b. Feb. 17, 1857; m. Oct. 30, 1903; one child, Dorothy; b. Sept. 18, 1905.

NOAH L. FREESE<sup>4</sup> (WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, ISAAC<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>).

Children:

ANNIE E., b. Sept. 16, 1862, at Salem, Mass.

LENORA A., b. Feb. 16, 1872; d. Dec. 19, 1875.

ALICE L., b. Dec. 10, 1876.

JENNIE R., b. Oct. 20, 1878; d. Nov. 8, 1882.

GEORGE FREESE<sup>3</sup> (ISAAC<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), was born September 7, 1796, at Bangor, Me., died April 9, 1855 at Milford, Me.; August 19, 1832, he married Margaret Babbidge at Deer Isle, Me. She was born at Canaan, Me., November 6, 1800, and died May, 1870, at Minneapolis, Minn.

Children:

GEORGE CURTIS, b. Aug. 13, 1833; d. Feb. 16, 1834.

PAUL DUDLEY, b. Mar. 16, 1835, at Argyle, Me.; m. Etta Young, May 21, 1872. She was b. June 11, 1848; d. Aug. 27, 1903, at Prescott, Wis.

PAUL DUDLEY FREESE<sup>4</sup> (GEORGE<sup>3</sup>, ISAAC<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), had

Children:

GRACE, b. Mar. 27, 1873, at Prescott, Wis.

MAUDE, b. Oct. 18, 1875, at Pt. Douglas, Minn.

DUDLEY PAUL, b. Nov. 23, 1882, at Prescott, Wis.

GRACE FREESE<sup>5</sup> (PAUL<sup>4</sup>, GEORGE<sup>3</sup>, ISAAC<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), married James C. McKown, September 1, 1899.

Children:

PAUL FREESE MCKOWN, b. Oct. 15, 1901, at St. Paul, Minn.

LYLE SPENCER MCKOWN, b. Aug. 3, 1903, at St. Paul, Minn.

MAUDE FREESE<sup>5</sup> (PAUL<sup>4</sup>, GEORGE<sup>3</sup>, ISAAC<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), married Herbert Stevens Green, September 1, 1898, at Prescott, Wis.

Children:

GERALD DUDLEY, b. Nov. 23, 1899, at St. Paul, Minn.

MARCIA KIMBALL, b. Nov. 20, 1905, at St. Paul, Minn.



GEORGE FREESE AND WIFE







PROF. HENRY SIMMONS FRIEZE

JACOB FREESE<sup>2</sup> (JOHN<sup>1</sup>), was born —, and died 1799. He married Vashti Thayer of Providence, R. I., in 1773; she died in Boston in 1816. He was of Newbury, Mass., and afterward of Providence.

JACOB<sup>3</sup> (JACOB<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), was probably born in Newbury. The date of his birth is April 7, 1789. He died in Providence, June 2, 1880. He married Betsy Slade, daughter of Capt. Job (born June 17, 1745, died 1830; his wife, Prudence Chase, born February 14, 1748) in 1810. She was born October 6, 1786, and died August 14, 1850.

#### Children:

WILLIAM, b. Dec. 11, 1811; d. July 26, 1812.

VASHTI, b. Sept. 5, 1813; d. Nov. 8, 1900.

SARAH, b. Aug. 28, 1815; d. Mar. 13, 1895. Married Albert Armington.

HENRY S., b. Sept. 15, 1817; d. Dec. 7, 1889.

GEO. W. C., b. Oct. 20, 1819; d. Jan. 28, 1850.

JOHN, b. Feb. 15, 1823, (now living).

LYMAN B., b. June 15, 1825 (now living).

AMELIA McR., b. Dec. 30, 1829; d. Aug. 5, 1896. She became the wife of Thomas A. Howland.

"HENRY SIMMONS FRIEZE, A.M., LL.D., Chicago University, 1870; Kalamazoo College, 1870; University of Michigan, 1885. He was a tutor in Brown University, R. I., 1841-1844; associate principal of the University Grammar School, Providence, 1844-1854; Professor of Latin in the University of Michigan from 1854 to 1889; acting president 1869 to 1871; 1880 to 1882; 1887 to 1888. He was a member of the American Philological Society; author of Ancient and Modern Education; Life and Works of Henry Philip Toppin, first president of the University of Michigan; Notes on the 10th and 12th books of Quintilian, 1863; Giovanni Dupré, the History of a Florentine Sculptor, 1886; editor of Virgil's Aeneid, 1860.—*Cyc. Am. Biog.*, 1890.

His Greek Letter Soc. was A Δ Φ."

Prof. HENRY SIMMONS FRIEZE<sup>4</sup> (JACOB<sup>3</sup>, JACOB<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>).

## Children:

JAMES HENRY, b. Aug. 4, 1848; d. Aug. 11, 1848.  
ALICE WYATT, b. Sept. 13, 1849; d. Nov. 22, 1850.  
ADELAIDE KOPPEE, b. July 1, 1851; d. Oct. 24, 1900.  
GEORGE BOISE, b. Nov. 13, 1853; d. Dec. 7, 1853.  
GEORGE SLADE, b. Jan. 8, 1855; d. Sept. 2, 1857.  
WILLIAM, b. July 30, 1857; d. Aug. 25, 1857.  
CAROLINE JOSLIN, b. Jan. 12, 1859, (now living).  
HENRY ALBERT, b. May 1, 1861; d. Aug. 3, 1861.

The Board of Directors of the University Musical Society, feeling deeply the loss sustained in the death of their late President, desire to place on record the following memorandum:

"The sudden death of Dr. Frieze has filled us with grief, and has thrown deep gloom over our organization. Though well informed of his feeble health, we could not have believed that his departure from us was so near. The University Musical Society is in mourning, and the continuance of the heavenly art which he cherished is cast down. The winds of December are moaning a requiem whose tones pierce painfully into every heart. We are paralyzed by the loss of one who has been the chief stay of our organization from the beginning of its existence.

"Dr. Frieze was endowed with a delicate perception of the charms of music. His soul thrilled in unison with all the tender or lofty themes which the muses inspire; but with a soul responsive to the charms of beauty under all its forms, music was from early life his companion and when, in 1854, he became connected with the University of Michigan, he promptly established a reputation as an organist and pianist. For some years he consented to preside at the organ of St. Andrew's church, and at a more recent period, he rendered the same service for one of the other churches of the city. He was an admirable conductor, and a helpful and invigorating teacher of music. Around him the musicians of the city gathered themselves, and he led and taught them with zeal and inspiration. It was he who first introduced the higher musical compositions to our people. He aggregated our choirs, and encouraged them to undertake choruses from the oratorios. He trained them till they were competent to offer public performances of merit; and a large number of public concerts were given under his direction, in the twenty years between 1860 and 1880.

"In the spring of 1879, the Messiah Club was organized under his leadership, for practice of the choruses of the 'Messiah.' This in October, became the Choral Union. After practice during the spring and summer, the plan was formed of giving public concerts for the benefit of the four churches then represented in the membership. Three public concerts were given during 1879 and 1880. Early in 1880, at the instance of Dr. Frieze, steps were taken to affiliate the Choral Union with the University. An organization called the University Musical Society was the outcome of the purpose. Dr. Frieze being now called to the Acting Presidency of the University, he withdrew from active connection with the Society, until 1883. Meantime, the Society was reorganized under its present form. In 1883, Dr. Frieze became again, President of the Society, of the Choral Union, and of the Board of Trustees of the School of Music. These interests he continued to serve, with vigilance and heartiness, to the time of his death.

"It always was the ulterior aim of Dr. Frieze to open the way for the admission of Music into the University as a recognized department. This purpose was partially accomplished when, in 1881, an instructorship in the University was united with the Directorship of the School of Music. This purpose he continued to urge in every proper way, until, at his death, the claims of music in liberal education, were well advanced toward full recognition.

"To him the University is indebted for development in the direction of an Art recognized in Ancient and Medieval times, as one of the elements of liberal culture. To him the citizens of Ann Arbor are indebted for their earliest enjoyment of classical choruses; and for the opportunity to found a School of Music, as demanded by relations existing with the University and with the High School of the city. To him we are indebted for companionship, for inspiration, and for the ennobling influences of the music which his efforts and power of organization have offered for our appreciation and built into the harmony and sweetness of better lives. . . .

"In the recollection of his virtues he has left us an inheritance more enduring than mortal life, more beautiful than marble or bronze."—*Ann Arbor*, Dec. 9th, 1889.

Attest:

W. W. BEMAN, *Secretary.*

LYMAN B. FRIEZE<sup>4</sup> (JACOB<sup>3</sup>, JACOB<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), was born June 15, 1825. He married Josephine Gardner.

Children:

GEORGE H., b. Mar. 18, 1856; m. Mary M. Conyngham.

LYMAN B., JR., b. Mar. 27, 1858.

LYMAN B. FRIEZE<sup>5</sup>, (LYMAN<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, JACOB<sup>2</sup>, JOHN<sup>1</sup>), married Mary Savage Crowell, June 1, 1886.

Children:

SAVAGE C., b. Feb. 7, 1891.

LYMAN B., b. Dec. 17, 1892; d. Dec. 17, 1892.

LYMAN B., b. Mar. 23, 1894.

MARY H., b. Sept. 1, 1898.

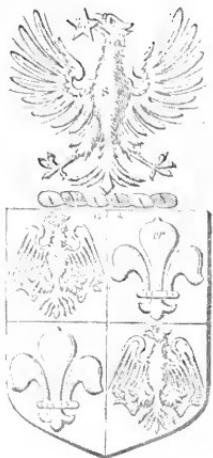
HENRY SIMMONS FRIEZE  
PROFESSOR OF LATIN IN THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
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THIS MONUMENT WAS ERECTED BY ALUMNI OF THE UNIVERSITY  
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John Frese of Essex

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James Frese of London merchant a° 1633

*JAMES FFRESE.*

Upon sight of an auntient Scale p'duced by  
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further saith that they are a Saxon Family &  
branched from the Dukes of Freze

## ffutter.

*Langborne.*

COAT OF ARMS

## JAMES FREESE.

So far as I am able to learn, this James was the first Freese born in America, and is probably the ancestor of the greater number of that name in New England, especially of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine. The records of the town of Salisbury, Mass., give 1641-2, as the date of his birth. It will be noticed that this was but twelve years after the coming of Winthrop. He may have been a descendant of the James of England, whose Coat of Arms accompanies this work. His name was James and both his father and grandfather were in England before him. It will be noticed that he was a merchant in Lime street in 1633 — nine years before James of Salisbury was born. Tradition says our family came from England. This was probably the James Freese who testified that, in his belief, "Goody" Martin was a witch. On this and other testimony she was hanged. It was he or his son James (it could have been either so far as age was concerned) who was killed at Casco, near Portland, by the Indians in 1689. He seems to have been a ship-builder at "Jamico," Salisbury, now Amesbury. One James is said to have been a brick mason.

## Child:

JAMES<sup>2</sup>, son of JAMES<sup>1</sup> and ELIZABETH, b. Mar. 16, 1666.

Lieut. Jacob Freese appears first at Hampton, N. H., and the historian of the town, Dow, says he was *probably* a son of James, born in 1667. The Lieut. was born in Hampton, N. H., September 29, 1685. He married Rachael Chase, daughter of Joseph, of Hampton.

## N. H. PROBATE RECORDS.

## JACOB FREESE.

Warrant, December 8, 1727, authorizing Capt. Joshua Wingate and Christopher Page, both of Hampton, to ap-

praise the estate of Jacob Freese of Hampton, who died intestate, administration being granted to his widow Rachael.

Inventory: amount, £1,111 8s. 2d; signed by Joshua Wingate and Christopher Page, sworn to by Rachael Freese, widow and administratrix, and by Joshua Wingate and Christopher Page, February 13, 1727-8.

Since the pound sterling was worth in the Lieutenant's time several times what it is now, he must have left his widow a very considerable estate.

Lieut. JACOB FREESE<sup>3</sup> (JAMES<sup>2</sup>, JAMES<sup>1</sup>), moved from Hampton to New Castle, following his trade of shipbuilding.

#### Children:

JOSEPH (ENSIGN), b. Oct. 6, 1710; m. Sarah Sherburn, who d. July 8, 1752.

BENJAMIN, b. Aug. 29, 1712; d. June 26, 1715.

JONATHAN, b. Dec. 27, 1714; m. Sarah Ayers; d. Apr. 5, 1748.

JACOB, b. Oct. 10, 1716; m. Susanna —

RACHEL, b. Oct. 9, 1718; d. Jan. 16, 1736.

ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 18, 1722; d. May 10, 1722.

ANNA, bp. Mar. 10, 1723.

CATHERINE, b. June 12, 1726; m. Moore, of Stratham, N. H.

JONATHAN<sup>4</sup> (JACOB<sup>3</sup>, JAMES<sup>2</sup>, JAMES<sup>1</sup>), had

#### Children:

RACHEL, b. July 19, 1737; d. Oct. 6, 1754.

JONATHAN CHASE, b. Aug. 31, 1739.

SARAH, b. Mar. 12, 1742; d. Oct. 12, 1754.

GEORGE, b. May 5, 1745; m. Margaret Walker, Sept. 2, 1768.

JOSEPH, b. Aug. 3, 1748.

NOTE:—A Joseph Freese of Portsmouth, 1784, had children baptized in Hampton—Abagail, Apr. 29, 1781; Joseph, Dec. 2, 1781; Sarah, Aug. 22, 1784.

George and Joseph were placed under the guardianship of Jonathan Moulton of Hampton, with Daniel Pierce and Hunking Wentworth (a brother of Gov. John) both of Portsmouth. Their sureties were £500. When we remember that the estate was insolvent, the sureties appear excessive.

Jonathan's widow became the wife of Philip Dow of Hampton, N. H.

JACOB FREESE<sup>4</sup> (Lieut. JACOB<sup>3</sup>, JAMES<sup>2</sup>, JAMES<sup>1</sup>), was born in Hampton, N. H., October 10, 1716; died in Epping, April 20, 1780; married Susannah —.

In Company of Capt. Stephen Clark, as shown in Bureau of Pen., Washington, D. C., the name of Jacob Freese appears on pension roll, he being a private. Capt. C. was of Epping, N. H., and went with a portion of his men to Winter Hill, Somerville, Mass., in December, 1775.

Children:

ANDREW, b. Oct. 1, 1747.  
 JACOB,  
 ELIZABETH, b. —, 1751.  
 DUDLEY, b. —, 1757.  
 GORDON, b. —, 1761.

ANDREW FREESE<sup>5</sup> (JACOB<sup>4</sup>, Lieut. JACOB<sup>3</sup>, JAMES<sup>2</sup>, JAMES<sup>1</sup>), was born in Epping, but removed to Deerfield, October 19, 1773, and died there in 1814. He seems to have been first selectman during 1777-8-9, as per the following:

"October 1, —, paid a claim of the men that are engaged in the Service of the United States of America for the Parish of Deerfield, as follows, viz.: Nathan Moulton (et al) year 1777, 1778, 1779.

Selectmen: { ANDREW FREESE,  
 NATHAN SANBORN,  
 MOSES CHASE."

It is recorded that Andrew took up arms against the king in 1776, but I find no record of his military service.

Children:

SARAH married Isiah Langley and lived in Andover, N. H. She died Feb. 6, 1853, leaving children; one of whom, Dudley Freese, lives in Minn.

ANN married James Tucker and lived in Deerfield till the time of her death, Aug. 27, 1849.

Children: Charles, Harriet, Dudley F., Eliza, Franklin Gilman, Mary Ann, and John True.

JACOB FREESE<sup>6</sup> (ANDREW<sup>5</sup>, JACOB<sup>4</sup>, Lieut. JACOB<sup>3</sup>, JAMES<sup>2</sup>, JAMES<sup>1</sup>), married Eunice, daughter of Benjamin James.

## Children:

ANDREW; m. Sally True Jenness; moved to Bangor, Me.; was keeper of jail in Bangor; died there. One of his sons was a sea captain.

BENJAMIN JAMES; m. first, Sally Morrill; second, Jane Canfield. He d. May 12, 1872.

JOSEPH WARREN; d. young.

JACOB; d. young.

JACKSON; m. Martha Hanscomb, of Deerfield, and lives (?) in Pittsfield, N. H.

EUNICE JAMES; m. Gilbert Robinson, of Deerfield. She died, leaving one son, Jacob Freee Robinson, a merchant in Epsom, N. H.

JOHN McCLARY. Lives on the homestead; is unmarried; has been representative, and held other offices.

CLARA ANN. She lives with her brother, John.

GORDON FREESE<sup>6</sup> (ANDREW<sup>5</sup>, JACOB<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, JAMES<sup>2</sup>, JAMES<sup>1</sup>), married Hannah Allen of Epsom, N. H., and removed to Levant, Me., in 1814, where he died leaving

## Children:

SALLY,

DARIUS,

ELIZA JANE,

GORDON,

HANNAH,

ANDREW, b. Nov. 1, 1816; m. Elizabeth Merrill, of Cleveland, Ohio, June 17, 1847; d. Sept. 2, 1904, in Cleveland.

NANCY, b. —, 1819.

DRUCELLA, b. —, 1821.

JOSEP WARREN, b. —, 1823.

ELMINA.

ANDREW FREESE<sup>6</sup> (GORDON<sup>5</sup>, JACOB<sup>4</sup>, Lieut. JACOB<sup>3</sup>, JAMES<sup>2</sup>, JAMES<sup>1</sup>).

## Child:

ELMINA, b. Sept. 14, 1855; m. James G. Hobbie, of Belfast, Me., Sept. 5, 1881.



ANDREW FREESE



ELMINA FREESE (Hobbie) had—

Children:

ANDREW FREESE, b. Sept. 7, 1882; d. —

ESTHER, b. Sept. 12, 1883.

ROGER, b. Feb. 13, 1888; d. —

ELIZABETH, b. July 6, 1889.

NOTE:—A Gordon Freese appears as “a private, name on payroll by the State of N. H., of Capt. Daniel Gordon’s Co., in Col. Thomas Bartlett’s regt. of militia raised by N. H. for the defence of the U. S., 1780—at West Point. Entered July 15, 1780. Discharged Oct. 25, 1780. Service 3 mo., 11 da. Wages per month £134.” This hints at depreciation of the currency. Gordon received bounty of £4-10s. Enlisted Sept. 15, 1777, and again, Aug. 5, 1778.

Joseph Freese enlisted Aug. 5, 1778, discharged Aug. 27, Co. of Capt. Moses Leavitt. If this Joseph were Ensign Joseph, son of Lieut. Jacob, then he was sixty-eight years old at the time of his enlistment.

[Copy of Paper written by Andrew Freese, of Cleveland,  
dated April 1, 1849.]

My grandfather, Andrew, moved from some place near Newburyport and settled in Deerfield, N. H. He had three sons and two daughters. The sons were Jacob, Gordon and Dudley. Jacob and Dudley raised up families in Deerfield, where they both have died since 1840. Only one of Dudley’s sons is now living and he is unmarried. Jacob’s sons now living are: Andrew, John, Jackson, and Benjamin. Benjamin and Andrew have families—Jackson and John are not married. Andrew moved to Bangor, Me., some ten years ago, where he now resides. The other members of the family still reside in New Hampshire.

Gordon Freese, my father, moved to Levant, Penobscot Co., in 1816. His children’s names are as follows: Sally, Darius, Jane, Gordon, Hannah, Andrew, Nancy, *Darucilla*, Elmina, and Joseph Warren. Jane, Nancy, Elmina and Joseph are dead.

Darius had a family, and is a farmer in Levant. Gordon went to Kentucky some eight years ago, where he has been engaged in teaching. He married there two or three years since. I came to Cleveland in 1839, where I have been engaged in teaching.

A. FREESE.

Preserved by Fannie Prichard Parker, she supposing it to have had her grandfather's signature. Her grandfather was Abraham, son of Jacob Freese, of N. Y., an immigrant from Germany or Holland.

DUDLEY FREESE<sup>6</sup> (ANDREW<sup>5</sup>, JACOB<sup>4</sup>, Lieut. JACOB<sup>3</sup>, JAMES<sup>2</sup>, JAMES<sup>1</sup>), married Ruth, daughter of John Stearns, of Deerfield, and lived on the homestead of the first Andrew. He taught school for some years; was selectman; representative; road commissioner, and was appointed judge of the Court of Common Pleas in 1832, which office he held at his death, April 15, 1843.

#### Children:

SALLY STEARNS, b. Aug. 7, 1812; m. Nov. 10, 1835, William Norris; lived in Lowell, Mass.; d. May 24, 1875. Her children by Geo. W. Norris were Sarah M., Clara G., and Celia A.

DUDLEY, b. Mar. 23, 1814; d. unmarried in 1838, having been in trade at the Parade.

MARY E., b. Sept. 9, 1817; m. Enoch F. Stevens, of Deerfield, Nov. 17, 1836. They lived at the Parade. They had twelve children — Horace, Mary, Hobart, Dudley, Enoch, Geo., Mary E., Sarah, Geo. F., Frank, Clara, and Fred.

ABAGAIL, b. July 26, 1819; m. Jeremiah D. Tilton, Dec. 31, 1840; d. 1858. She had ten children — Austin B., Ruthena, Sarah True, Harriet, Carey, Josiah, Mary, William, Sarah Francis, and Sally, the last two being twins.

CAROLINE, b. June 19, 1821; m. Nathan Griffin, of Deerfield, Jan. 17, 1843; d. Aug. 4, 1865. Her children were — Laroy, Nathan, Roger, and Carrie.

WILLIAM G., b. June 24, 1823; m. Susan E. Batchelder, daughter of John, Jan. 9, 1850.

#### Children of WILLIAM G.;

DUDLEY,

JOHN F.,

WILLIAM,

OLIVE E.,

MARTHA WINKLEY, b. May 10, 1827; m. Jan. 27, 1851, Winthrop T. Prescott. Her children were Martha F., Charles H., Bertine O., and Nellie R.

ANDREW FREESE<sup>7</sup> (JACOB<sup>6</sup>, ANDREW<sup>5</sup>, JACOB<sup>4</sup>, Lieut. JACOB<sup>3</sup>, JAMES<sup>2</sup>, JAMES<sup>1</sup>), married Sally True Jenness of Deerfield, and was a merchant at the Parade; moved to Bangor, Me., was keeper of the jail there and died there.

Child:

ANDREW JACKSON<sup>\*</sup> FREESE<sup>8</sup> (ANDREW<sup>7</sup>, JACOB<sup>6</sup>, ANDREW<sup>5</sup>, JACOB<sup>4</sup>, Lieut. JACOB<sup>3</sup>, JAMES<sup>2</sup>, JAMES<sup>1</sup>), was born in Deerfield, N. H., in 1832; died in Bangor, June, 1881. He was a shipmaster and manufacturer. He married Harriet Langdon of Wilton, England, September 19, 1866. She was born December 2, 1844, and was married in Cardiff, Wales.

Children:

ANDREW LANGDON, b. Feb. 17, 1869, in Savannah, Ga.; m. Mary Bartlett Drummond, in 1892.

SARAH JENNESS, b. July 27, 1877, in Cardiff, Wales.

MARY ELIZABETH, b. May 4, 1873, in Patagonia, So. A.

JOHN HENRY, b. Mar. 4, 1876, in Bangor, Me. He was, for a time, a student in Harvard College, but is now practicing law in N. Y. City. He seems to have given special attention to astronomy, having published one or more popular articles on the subject.

## FREESE (FREES) FAMILY.

[Data copied from Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the American Revolution by John Wesley Freese of Cambridge, Mass., —, 1900.]

"FREES, ABRAHAM. Capt. Gideon Parker's Company; Col. Little's regt.; Company receipt for advance pay, dated Cambridge, July 2, 1775.

FREES, ABRAHAM, corporal, Capt. Nathaniel Fales's Company; entered service August 3, 1779; discharged August 15, 1779; service, 13 days; Company marched on an expedition to Majorbagaduce (Castine, Me.) by order of Gen. Lovell.

FREES, JOHN, corporal, Capt. Nathaniel Fales's Company; entered service August 3, 1779; discharged August 15, 1779; service, 13 days; Company marched as above.

FREES, JOHN, JR., private, Capt. N. Fales's Company; enlisted and discharged as above.

FREESE (spelled as here) ABRAM (spelled as here), Deer Island. Private, Capt. Gideon Parker's Company; Col. Moses Little's regt. (17th); Company return dated October 8, 1775; enlisted July 14, 1775; age 26 years.

FREESE, ISAAC, private in a Company commanded by Lieut. Andrew Gilman; enlisted August 20, 1777; discharged January 22, 1778; service 5 months, 2 days; Company stationed at Penobscot; roll dated Boston; *also*, same Company; pay roll made up for 15½ days' additional service after date of discharge, January 22, 1778, news of their discharge not having reached them until February 7, 1778.

FREESE, JOHN, return dated Wells, June 4, 1781, of bounties paid said Freese and others of the town of Wells for enlisting to serve in the Continental Army for the term of three years or during war, agreeable to resolve of December 2, 1780.

FREESE — [This name also appears under the form of Freeas, Frees, Freese, Freize, Frieze, Frise, Frize, Fries, Freze, Ffrese]—ABRAHAM, Deer Island. Muster roll dated August 1, 1775; enlisted July 14, 1775, service 18 days; also corporal Capt. Parker's Company, Col. Little's (12th) regt.; enlisted January 1, 1776 [service not given].

FREEZE, ABRAM, Deer Island. List of men mustered by Nathaniel Barber, Muster Master, for Suffolk County, dated Boston March 2, 1777; Capt. Lane's Company; Col. Nixon's regt.

FREEZE, JOHN, Newbury. Descriptive list of men raised in Essex County for the term of nine months from the time of their arrival at Fishkill, agreeable to a resolve of April 20, 1778; age 25 years; stature 5 ft. 9 in.; complexion, light; hair, brown; eyes, light; resident; engaged for the town of Newbury; arrived at Fishkill, June 15, 1778.

By the above, this John was born in 1753. He was doubtless a brother of Abraham, and, being a "Junior," taken with the fact that John, John, Jr., and George Frees of Deer Isle, Me., agreed to support preaching, it would seem clear that Abraham's father was John. This coincides with the tradition (see Andrew Freese of Cleveland) that one brother settled on an island in Penobscot Bay while another went to Epping, N. H.).

FREESE, JOHN, private, Capt. Peter Combes's Company, Lieut. Col. Joseph's (?) regt.; enlisted May 29, 1780; discharged January 28, 1781; service eight months, under Brig. Gen. P. Wadsworth at the *Eastward*. Roll sworn to at Brunswick and certified at Thomaston."

It is a matter of no small interest to the writer that the description of "John" above would have answered perfectly for himself at the same age.

[From N. H. State Papers.]

FREESE, JACOB, of Newbury, Mass. Descriptive list of men raised in Essex County for the term of nine months from the time of their arrival at Fishkill, agreeable to resolve of April 20, 1778. Age, 25 years; stature, 5 ft. 9 in.; complexion, light; residence, Newbury; engaged for the town of Newbury. Arrived at Fishkill June 15, 1778. Returned August 1, 1778.

GORDON FREESE, a private, name on pay roll by the State of New Hampshire, of Capt. Daniel Gordon's Company, in Col. Thos. Bartlet's regt. of Militia raised by New Hampshire for the defence of the United States, 1780 — at West Point. Entered July 15, 1780. Discharged October 25, 1780. Service 3 months 11 days. Wages, per month, £134. (This hints strongly of depreciation of the currency.) Gordon received bounty of £4 10s. Enlisted September 15, 1777, and again August 5, 1778.

JOSEPH FREESE enlisted August 5, 1778, discharged August 27. Company of Capt. Moses Leavitt.

JACOB FREESE of New Hampshire, was a pensioner after the war, name on roll at Washington, D. C.

#### RICHARD DEIGHTON *et al* TO RETIRE WHITTEMORE.

##### POWER.

B. 149. P. 47.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that we, the subscribers in the County of Essex & the county of Lincoln both in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, mariners, & yeoman, &c., for divers considerations have made or ordained, constituted & appointed & by these presents do make, ordain, constitute & appoint Retire Whittemore of Salem, in the County of Essex traider, our true & lawful attorney for us & in our names & to our use to ask, demand recover or receive or sell, convey, confairm the hole of such estate as may or shall be comeing to us from Edmund Whittemore or Sarah Whittemore our *pairantes* both of said *pairantes* decesed & that our

said Attorney shall have full power & righ within himself to sell & convey & confairm the said Estates to any such person as may hearafter appear to buy such Estates to them & to their heirs forever by virtue of this power & the virtue of this power shall forever discharge & defend the said Reteir Whittemore & his heirs forever from any claim or demand which shall or may be made by us or our heirs forever & that our Attorney shall have full power to Act in all cases as tho' we ourselves were *personly* present Ratifying & confirming and allowing our said Attorney—do or *coause* to be done therein & this warrant shall be his sufficient discharge by virtue of these presents. in witness whereof we have put our hands & seal—this twenty first day of February one thousand seven hundred & eighty seven & in the eleventh year of the Independence of America.

RICHARD DEIGHTON	& a seal.
SARAH DEIGHTON	& a seal.
HENRY LOVITT	& a seal.
LYDIA LOVITT	& a seal.
RICHARD WHITTEMORE	& a seal.
ABRAHAM FREES	& a seal.
HANNAH FREES	& a seal.

Signed, Sealed & delivered in the presents of us  
RICHD. VALPY.

Lincoln ss. Penobscut, June 12, 1787, personally appeared the within named Abraham Frees & Hannah Frees his wife & acknowledged the within written Instrument by them Signed & Sealed to be their free Act & Deed, before me,

JOSEPH HIBBERT, *J. Peace.*

Essex —. Salem, July 2d, 1788. Then the within named Sarah Deighton & Lydia Lovitt personally appeared & acknowledged the within written Instrument to be their free Act & Deed, before me,

RICHARD MANNING, *Just. o Pacis.*

Essex ss. Recd. July 2, 1788, & recorded & examd. by  
JOHN PICKERING, *Regr.*

Essex Registry Deeds, So. Dist.,  
Salem, January 28, 1901.

The foregoing is a true copy of record in this office.

Attest:

WILLARD J. HALE, *Register.*

RETIRE WHITTEMORE, Attorney, &c.,  
TO  
JONATHAN ARCHER.

B. 149. L. 48.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that I, Retire Whittemore of Salem, in the County of Essex in the State of Massachusetts Bay, marriner for & in consideration of the sum of twenty pounds to me in hand before the delivery hereof well & truly paid by Jonathan Archer 3d, barber of Salem aforesaid or his heirs or his Assigns the receipt whereof I do hear acknowledge — have given granted bargained & sold & by these presents do give grant bargain sell allay enfeoff convay & confirm unto the said Jonathan or his heirs & assigns forever, a serten track of land situate in Salem near the east meeting house & bounding as follows, viz.: Northerly on Main street, eastly on land of Samuel Murray, Southly on land of Richard Collings & westly on Meeting house lane that is to say one third part of the above mensend land or all the said land which belonged to Sarah Whittemore deceast, together with all the said house & priviledge belonging to the said Sarah or heirs. To HAVE & TO HOLD said granted premises with all the priviledges & appurtenances to the same belonging to said Jonathan his heirs & assigns to have the only proper use benefit forever and I the said Retire for myself my heirs executors and administrators do hearby covenant grant & agree to & with the said Jonathan & his heirs & assigns that until the delivery hereof I am the true sole & lawful *oner* of the said premises by virtue of a power to me signed by the heirs of the said Estate to sell & convay to any person whatsoever being lawfully seized & possed thereof in my owne proper Estate & inheritance righte in fee simple & have full power & lawful authority to grant &

convay the same in manner aforesaid that the said premises are free & clear of all & every incumbrance whatsoeuer & that in any degra make void this deed as executor & administraters shall & will warrant the same to the said Jonathn for myself & heirs & assigns against the lawful claimes & demands of any person or persons whomsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hearunto set my hand & seal this Second day of July one thousand seven hundred & eighty eight & in the twelfth year of the Independence of America.

RETIRE WHITTEMORE & a seal.

Signed, Sealed & delivered in the presence of

RICHARD MANNING.  
JOHN FLINT.

Essex ss. Salem, July 2d, 1788. Then the above named Retire Whittemore personally appeared & acknowledged the above & within written Instrument to be his free Act & Deed, before me,

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

*Office of the Secretary.*

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE OF  
ABRAHAM FREEZE.

ABRAHAM FREEZE: Appears with rank of Private on Muster Roll of Capt. Gideon Parker's Company, Col. Moses Little's regt., dated August 1, 1775. Time of enlist-

ment, July 14, 1775. Time of service, 18 days. Town to which soldier belonged, Deer Island.—Vol. 15: 91.

ABRAHAM FREES: Appears in a Company receipt for Advance Pay, given by Company, dated Cambridge, July 2, 1775, payable to said Frees. Pay due on account of service in Capt. Gideon Parker's Company, Col. Little's regt. [Autograph signature appears on roll.]—Vol. 35: 57.

ABRAM FREESE: Appears with rank of Private on Company Return of Capt. Gideon Parker's Company, Col. Moses Little's (17th) regt., dated October 8, 1775. Reported enlisted July 14, 1775. Age given, 26 years. Town to which soldier belonged, Deer Island.—Vol. 56: 81.

ABRAHAM FREEAS: Appears among signatures to an Order for Bounty Coat or its equivalent in money, due for the Eight Months Service in 1775, in Capt. Gideon Parker's Company, Col. Moses Little's regt., dated Prospect Hill, December 28, 1775. Payable to Capt. Parker.—Vol. 57: file 9.

ABRAHAM FREESE: Appears with grade of Corporal in copy of a Company Return of Capt. Gideon Parker's Company, Col. Moses Little's (12th) regt. Enlisted January 1, 1776.—Vol. 23: 204.

ABRAHAM FREES: Appears with rank of Corporal on Muster and Pay Roll of Capt. Nathaniel Fales's Company. Time of entry, August 3, 1779. Time of discharge, August 15, 1779. Service, 13 days, on Penobscot Expedition. Company marched to Majorbagaduce on expedition by order of Gen. Lovel.—Vol. 37: pages 86 and 125.

#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

*Office of the Secretary.*

BOSTON, December 28, 1900.

I certify the foregoing to be true abstracts from the Record Index of the Revolutionary War Archives deposited in this office.

Witness the Seal of the Commonwealth.

[SEAL]

W.M. M. OLIN,  
*Secretary.*

## FREESE FAMILY

FROM

HOSMER'S HISTORY OF DEER ISLE, ME.

"The land lying south of what is known as Long Cove was first settled by three brothers named Abraham, John, and Isaac Freeze—neither of whom remained here for many years.

"\*The descendants of the last named still reside in the city of Ellsworth and in some of the towns north of it, on the Union River, and now spell their names Frazier.

"The descendants of Abraham<sup>†</sup> Freeze moved up the Penobscot River and reside in the towns north of the city of Bangor, and they retain the name Freese.

"The wife of John had no children, and when the late Hon. Richard Warren was, when young, left an orphan (he was a grandson of a brother of her husband), she took care of him till he became able to do something for his own support. After his marriage he took her to his own home and provided for her during her life, showing a commendable gratitude, which is pleasant to remember. The Messrs. Freese sold out their rights to Messrs. Mark Haskell & Sons, who had their rights allotted as settlers adjoining.

"George Freeze, a brother of the persons mentioned of the same name, settled upon the lot east of that of the Messrs. Babbidge, and where they [the Freezes?] came from is not known to us; he came about the same time as did the others, which was quite early, and of him but little is now known. His children removed from here, and nearly all of their descendants reside in the towns north of Bangor,<sup>‡</sup> on the river. The only one of his grandchildren who remained was the late Hon. Richard Warren, a son of the Mr. Thomas Warren before noticed, and he was born on what is now known as Freeze's Island, in 1786; he died in

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\*This is an error of the historian. Reference must have been to Isaac, son of George, born in Deer Isle May 30, 1769.

<sup>†</sup>Had the historian *known*, he would have said, "Abraham and Isaac."

<sup>‡</sup>Another error. They resided chiefly in Ellsworth, but are now much scattered.

1865. Mr. Warren purchased the farm occupied by Mr. Freeze, upon which he [Mr. Warren] resided till his death, and it is now owned and occupied by his son-in-law, Capt. Gideon Hatch."

Among those agreeing in 1785 to contribute "toward the settlement and support of a gospel minister" are: George Frees, John Frees, and John Frees, Jr.

Now, since the "wife of John," brother of Abraham, "had no children," who was John, Jr.?

In the archives in Boston I find the following:

"FREES, JOHN, Jr., private, Capt. Nathaniel Fales's Company; entered service August 3, 1779; discharged August 15, 1779; service 13 days. The same records state that Abraham enlisted the *same* day, and was discharged the *same* day. They were undoubtedly brothers. And since he was *John Junior*, his father must have been *John*."

Great probability is lent this theory in the statement above, viz., that George, John, and John Freese, Jr., agree to contribute to the support of preaching in Deer Isle. Finally, I have no doubt on this point, for my grandfather, in answer to my direct question as to the name of *his* grandfather, said, as I distinctly remember, "His name was John."

## MISCELLANEOUS.

"Beneath the roots of tangled weeds,  
Afar in country graveyards, lie  
The men whose unrecorded deeds  
Have stamped their nation's destiny."

Apropos of finding a slate stone literally among "tangled weeds" marking the grave of one John Freese in an old burying ground in Hampton, N. H. Its date was 1727.

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

*To the Honble. the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled:*

The Petition of the Inhabitants of Deer Island in the County of Lincoln Humbly Showeth:

That your Petitioners or their Ancestors about twenty Years since settled on the above Island which they laid out into Sixty-three Lots, and have improved sixty-one of said Lots for the support of themselves and Families—That they made a reserve of the other two, the one for a Persanage, and the other for a School Lot. That the other Lots have been held and possessed ever since by your Petitioners their Ancestors or those who purchased of them.

Your Petitioners beg Leave to acquaint your Honors that a House has been built upon all of said Lots, and upon some of them more than one, as the Inhabitants increase very fast, and that the present number of Families amount to near Eighty; and upward of thirty Young Men who are of age unmarried, and now residing on said Island who are the Sons of the Original Settlers.

Your Petitioners have ordered a House for Public Worship and had preaching in it before and since the War.

The number of Souls now on the Island amounting to upward of four hundred.

That when the first settlers removed to said Island it was

a Desert inhabited by none of the Human Species whatever in any other Way than the Crowns pretensions to unimproved Lands.

That your Petitioners or their Ancestors petitioned the Government of their Colony of Massachusetts Bay for a Grant of said Island settled upon by them and their Families, but were prevented from obtaining the same by a suggestion that it was the exclusive Right of the Crown to make such Grant.

Your Petitioners beg Leave to suggest to your Honors that altho they were within the Enemies Lines, and intirely in their Power, and obliged to submit to Superior Force; yet your Petitioners were heartily Friends to the cause of their Country; and have done everything in their Power to prevent the King's Troops from obtaining Supplies from this Place when they were in Possession of the Capital of this Commonwealth; refusing absolutely to carry on any Trade with them. And that even while in their Power no Assistance was given them only when compelled thereto and utterly against the Mind of your Petitioners:—

And that your Petitioners received nothing from them but only that was absolutely necessary for the Subsistence of their Families, as every other resource was shut up.

Your Petitioners now humbly submit the above particulars to the wise Consideration of your Honors, praying that as this Commonwealth have happily obtained their Independence of that Power who wantonly shed the Blood of its Citizens in Order to carry their Arbitrary Laws into execution.

That your Honors would considering the many, great and almost inexpressible Hardships and Sufferings that the Petitioners and their Ancestors have undergone in the Settlement of an inhospitable Wilderness, and during the residence of the British Troops at Bagaduce [Castine]. And as your Petitioners are desirous of paying their proportionate Part of the taxes for the support of the Government of this Commonwealth under whose protection they are, and that they may be incorporated with all the Priviledges and immunities of their Fellow Citizens, they therefore humbly intreat your Honors to grant and release to them their Heirs and Assigns all the Rights and Title that this Commonwealth may have to the said Island; and that the Petitioners may hold the

same under the Government as a good Estate in Fee Simple and in the same Manner as the Estates of the Citizens of the Commonwealth are held.

And your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c.

JOSEPH TYLER,  
MARK HASKELL,  
WILLIAM BABBAGE,  
JOSEPH WHITTEMORE,  
GEORGE FREES,  
JOHN FREES,  
and 59 others.

} Petition granted Feb. 1, 1785,  
James Bowdoin, Governor; Samuel Adams, President of the Senate.

[*From Archives, Boston Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the American Revolution.*]

FREESE, JOHN. Return dated Wells, June 4, 1781, of bounties paid said Freese and others of the town of Wells for enlisting to serve in the Continental Army for the term of three years or during the war, agreeable to resolve of Dec. 2, 1780.

FREESE, JOHN, JR., Private—Capt. Nathaniel Fales's Co.—enlisted Aug. 3, 1779, discharged Aug. 15, 1779.

FREESE, ABRAHAM, Deer Island, Private—Capt. Gideon Parker's Co., Col. Moses Little's (17th) regt.; company return dated Oct. 8, 1775; enlisted July 14, 1775; age 26 yrs.

FREESE, ISAAC. Private in a company commanded by Lieut. Andrew Gilman; enlisted Aug. 20, 1777; discharged Jan. 22, 1778; service 5 mo. 2 days; company stationed at Penobscot; roll dated Boston. Also same company, pay roll made up for 15 1-2 days additional service after date of discharge, Jan. 22, 1778, news of their discharge not having reached them until Feb. 7, 1778.

[*Bangor Hist. Magazine, 1885-6.*]

SETTLERS' NAMES, BANGOR.

1786, Dec. 16. ABRAHAM FREEZE—ISAAC FREESE. Schedule of Deeds from Mass. Rec'ds showing nearly every

settler prior to Feb. 17, 1798, and nearly where they located, running from Hampden to Orono line. No. of lot 33, Robert Treat assignee of Isaac Freeze, No. of lot 34, Robert Treat assignee of Abraham Freeze, No. of lot 35, Bulkley Emerson assignee of John Freeze.

1797. JOHN FREESE has two acres cleared and a hut.

1797. Survey of what is now Orono. VII. Abraham Frees 100 rods by 45, good new log house and barn, some good land on river, settled 1790.

VIII. JOHN FREES, JR., 50 by 30 frame house 1790.

1813. ARGYLE. WM. FREESE, ISAAC, GEO. & JOHN. FREESE family of Orono.

Isaac Frees of Penobscot River and Abraham Frees for £200 sell Ignatius and Soloman Haskell of Newbury, a tract of land in Deer Isle: this land near Long Cove, and John Frees and Cole and Babbidge.

Sept. 2, 1778, Vol. I, p. 367, Hancock Records.

1783. Isaac Frees, Abraham Frees, witnesses to a contract at Deer Isle.

Jacob Bussell the first white settler in Bangor in 1769. His son married Sarah Freeze and lived in Argyle. Had 13 children.

Apr. 10, 1813, John Marsh married *Betheah* Freese of Sunkhaze.

Mar. 25, 1813, Isaac Freese, Jr., married Mehitable Warren of Orono.

Dec. 6, 1810, intentions of marriage of Retire W. Freese and Fanny White. (His. Mag. 1890-91). Paul Dudley married Mary, daughter of Geo. Freese of Argyle, Sept. 1, 1808, born in Bangor, died in 1856. (His. Mag. Jan. and Dec. 1893.) Deer Island Settlers.

FREEZE, ABRAHAM, Deer Island. Muster roll dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted July 14, 1775; service 18 days; also corporal, Capt. Parker's Co., Col. Little's (12th) regt.; enlisted Jan. 1, 1776. Date of discharge not given.

FREEZE, ABRAHAM, Deer Island. List of men mustered by Nathaniel Barber, Muster Master for Suffolk Co., dated Boston, Mar. 2, 1777; Capt. Lane's Co.; Col. Nixon's regt.

FREEZE, JOHN, Newbury. Descriptive list of men raised in Essex Co. for the term of 9 mo. from the time of their arrival at Fishkill, agreeable to a resolve of Apr. 20, 1778; age 25 yrs.; stature 5 ft. 9 in.; complexion, light; hair, brown; eyes, light, resident; engaged for the town of Newbury; arrived in Fishkill June 15, 1778.

FREEZE, JOHN, Private, Capt. Peter Combes's Co., Lieut. Col. Joseph's regt., enlisted May 29, 1780; discharged Jan. 28, 1781; service 8 mo., under Brig. Gen. P. Wadsworth [Longfellow's grandfather] at the *Eastward*. Roll sworn to at Brunswick and certified at Thomaston.

### FREESE FAMILY.

ABRAHAM<sup>2</sup> FREESE (JOHN<sup>1</sup>) married Hannah Whittemore, June 25, 1777, ceremony by the Rev. Thomas Barnard.

### WHITTEMORE.

The common American ancestor of the Whittemore family was Thomas, who probably came to this country in 1641-42, and settled in Charlestown (afterward Malden, now Everett). He came from Hitchin, county of Hertford, England. His father, Thomas, lived in Hitchin, and was married in 1566. He died in Hitchin in 1617, a widower, and by his will dated 1613, he gave £20 to Trustees "for the best sort of the poor people in Hitchin." Dr. Page (historian of Cambridge) says that the emigrant, Thomas, probably remained in England till about 1650. But this is evidently an error, since he purchased in 1645 of the Rev. John Cotton, "meadow for two cows' grass." And this was adjacent to land he previously owned, and that he had taken as *wild* land. His farm was bounded on the east by Chelsea,

and on the south by the Mystic river. The house he erected on this farm was standing as late as 1845, thus lasting a period of more than two hundred years. It remained in the family till 1806, or later. Hannah's oldest sister, Elizabeth, became the wife of Richard Mansfield of Lynn, Mass., at Salem, Jan. 7, 1768, and had 12 children.

One Elizabeth Whittemore, wife of William Cuttler, was the mother of 36 children.

On Mystic Street, in the rear of the Russell Schoolhouse, Arlington, Mass., is a granite tablet with the following inscription:

Near this Spot  
Samuel Whittemore  
Then 80 years old  
Killed three British Soldiers  
April 19, 1775.  
He was shot, bayoneted,  
Beaten and left for dead,  
But recovered and lived  
To be 98 years of age.

He was a relative of Hannah Whittemore Freese. It will be of interest to the descendants of Abraham Freese to be reminded that his wife's next older brother was "Retier" Whittemore, since no less than six descendants bore the name *Retire*—viz., her son Retire, head of the Orono, Me., Freeses, who had a son, Retire Whittemore, now living at the age of 70 years; her grandson, Retire, son of Capt. John; and his son, Retire, a soldier in the Civil War, but never afterward heard from; Angal, son of Capt. John, son of Abraham, had a son Retire, and he has a son Retire, a Baptist minister.

Notes on Freese Family: From Lincoln Co. Probate Court Records: Inventory of the property of the late Silas Hathorn made by Andrew Webster, James Budge, and Isaac Freeze, all of Penobscot River.

Inventory of property of the late Courtney Babbage of Deer Island, by Joseph WHITEMORE, Belcher Tyler, and George FREES.

NOTE:—Among Commissioners to examine claims, I find *James Ginn*, 1787, associated with JONATHAN LOWDER.

JOHN FREESE, son of Abraham, was chosen Moderator at town meeting in Orono in 1810.

On the 23d of May, 1812, he rendered to the town clerk the following: "Sheep marked with a crop off left and hole through the right ear."

He is said to have accompanied his father and mother and a Mr. Colburn (Edmund?) to the Kennebec when a mere infant.

Although probably not more than a year old, he repeatedly declared he had a distinct remembrance of one incident of the journey through the woods from the Penobscot to the Kennebec, viz.: the spending of one night with friendly Indians.

A friend kindly sent me a list of more than forty Freeses of Chicago, but since they are almost without exception unrelated to those of New England, it is not published here.

#### WARREN — FREEZE.

THOMAS WARREN settled on what is known as Warren's or Freeze's Island, now owned and occupied by the widow of Mr. Billings P. Hardy. It appears from what information we have had that he claimed a settler's right, but that it was disputed on the ground, doubtless, that he had not made a settlement in season to be entitled to one. His wife was the daughter of Mr. George Freeze, and by her he had three children; one was the late Hon. Richard Warren, well known to us all, who died in 1865 at the age of 79. His wife was the daughter of Samuel Trundy, Sr. Another brother was William Warren, who died when a young man; a sister, Mary Warren, the wife of a Mr. Spencer, who lived in one of the towns on the Penobscot River above Bangor.

#### FREESE FAMILY.

The place where James Freese was killed was on Brackett's farm (Deering's later) at Back Cove, Falmouth, now Portland. Purpoodeck, where Jacob Freese lived in 1689, is the aboriginal name for Spring Point, but the name later comprised the whole northern shore of Cape Elizabeth.

*Me. His. Soc.*, page 112, note.

Benjamin Dearborn, brother of Gen. Henry Dearborn, married *Anna Freeze*, and settled in Monmouth, Me. He was born 1745. His father lived once in Hampton, N. H.  
*Me. Genealogical Rec.*, Vol. 5.

Henry Bayly claims a small tract of land in Casco Bay that joins to ye Easterly End of Goodman ffrees Three acre Lott.

Records of marriages in First Congregational Church, Biddeford, I find that Feb. 29, 1764, John Freese of Falmouth married Abigal Moore of Biddeford.

In an account of a battle with Indians at Falmouth, 1689, we find the following: Wounded men—6 Indians, friends of Silva Davis Comp., 4—James freese second, Mr. Bremhall, Thos. Browne, mr. Pallmer.

*Me. His. Soc.*, Vol. 4, page 454.

In History of Wells and Kennebunk, among petitioners for separate parish was one John *Freas*.

[Copied from Archives at State House, Boston, Dec. 28, 1900.]

FRISE, JACOB. Private Capt. Christopher Marshall's Co., Col. Thos. Marshall's regt. muster roll for Mar. 1779, dated West Point; enlisted June 15, 1778.

FRIEZE, JACOB, Attleborough [Mass.]. Corporal, Capt. Saml. Robinson's Co.; enlisted June 21, 1778, service 22 days, travel included, at R. I., in a regt. commanded by Col. Wade; company raised to serve 21 days from July [June] 21, 1778. Roll dated Attleborough.

FRIEZE, JACOB, Braintree. Sergeant, Capt. Seth Turner's (Independent) Co., enlisted May 8, 1775, service 8 mo. 13 days; enlisted for 8 mo.

FRIEZE, JOHN. Private, Capt. Thomas Robbin's Co.; enlisted May 30, 1778; discharged Dec. 1, 1778; service 6

mo. 9 days, travel included, under Col. John Allan; co. raised to defend Machias.

Was this John the father of John, Jr., Abraham, etc.?

JACOB, son of John and Dorothy Freeze, born Nov. 10, 1698. George, son of John and Dorothy, born Aug. 27, 1709. George Freeze married Mary Atkinson Apr. 19, 1737. She was daughter of John Jr. and Sarah Atkinson, and was born Feb. 19, 1709. George, son of George and Mary, born Dec. 6, 1737. Jacob, son of George and Mary, born Feb. 2, 1739. Jacob Freeze married Elizabeth Adams Dec. 17, 1761. Jacob, son of Jacob and Elizabeth Freeze, was born Dec. 23, 1762, and all in Newbury, Mass.

In *Savage's Genealogical Dictionary* I find the following:

FREEZE, FRIEZE, JAMES, SALISBURY, by w. Eliza. had James, b. 16 Mar. 1667. James, Casco, k. by the Ind. 1689, was prob. s. of the preced. left Jacob wh. rem. to Hampton and had Jonathan, George, and Joseph. Willis I. 210.

Under the name of Friese, I find the same as above as to the first James, with the added statement, "Perhaps he was afterward of Newbury, and had John, wh. is meant. by Coffin."

#### N. H. PROBATE RECORDS.

##### JACOB FREESE.

WARRANT, Dec. 8, 1727, authorizing Capt. Joshua Wingate and Christopher Page, both of Hampton, to appraise the estate of Jacob Freese of Hampton, who died intestate, administration being granted to his widow Rachel.

Inventory; amount, £1,111. 8. 2; signed by Joshua Wingate and Christopher Page; sworn to by Rachel Freese, widow and administratrix, and by Joshua Wingate and Christopher Page, Feb. 13, 1727-8.

##### JONATHAN FREESE.

Bond of Sarah Freese of Hampton, widow, with George Ayers and Jonathan Ayers, both of Portsmouth, cordwainers, as sureties, April 28, 1748, in the sum of £500, for the administration of the estate of Jonathan Freese of Hampton, joiner.

Inventory; amount, £260. 17. 0, new tenor.; signed by Joseph Philbrick and Moses Perkins; sworn to May 24, 1748.

Warrant, April 28, 1750, authorizing Samuel Palmer and Joseph Philbrick, both of Hampton, to receive claims against the estate.

List of claims against the estate; amount, £414. 7. 6; dated Oct. 23, 1750.

Account of Sarah Freese as administrator, against the estate, Aug. 28, 1751; amount £402. 14. 0. Mentions three children under seven years of age.

Petition of Sarah Freese, administratrix, for licence to sell part of the real estate, the personal property being insufficient to pay the debts; allowed Feb. 25, 1756.

Further account of Philip Dow and Sarah, his wife, formerly Sarah Freese, administratrix; allowed Aug. 24, 1756.

Settlement of the estate as insolvent; amount of claims, £347. 19. 6; amount of estate to be distributed, £259. 5. 0; allowed Aug. 25, 1756.

Bond of Jonathan Moulton of Hampton, with Daniel Peirce and Hunking Wentworth, both of Portsmouth, as sureties, Feb. 1, 1766, in the sum of £500, for the guardianship of George Freese and Joseph Freese, minors "upwards of fourteen Years of Age," children of Jonathan Freese of Hampton.

### FREESE — FREIZE — FRIES.

[From *New England Gen. Register*, VIII, 82, of Saulsbury, Mass.

JAMES FREEZE married Elizabeth; child James, born 16. I. 1667.

JOHN FRIEZE married (torn) Carr July 25, 1696, publications in Saulsbury, Mass. (He may have been the grandfather of Abraham, Isaac, etc., and brother of Lieut. Jacob.)

JOHN FRIES in Suffolk, Mass. Ap. 2, 1659. .

JACOB FREEZE married Eliz. Adams, Dec. 17, 1761, she was born July 15, 1741. Their daughter Abigail married Abraham Adams.

JACOB FREESE married Dorothy Moulton June 10, 1725 in Malden.

BETHIAH FRIEZE married March 4 or Jan. 26, 1762, Elijah Allen of Harpswell, Me.

JAMES FREEZE, an adult baptized April 4, 1725, New Brick Church, Boston.

JAS. fFREESE, Suffolk, Mass., about April 20, 1657.

ANDREW FREESE, Deerfield, New Hamp. took up arms against the crown, 1776.

KATHERINE FREESE of Topsfield married Daniel Foster, born Nov. 14, 1670. Removed to Lebanon, Ct.

JOSEPH FREESE died Aug. 3, 1752, Stratham, N. Hamp.

Thos. Peck of Boston claimes severall parcells of land bounded on yc west by James *freeze*.

This was at Falmouth.

William Fries of Carver, Me., married Lucy Barrow.

Feb. 29, 1764, JOHN FREESE of Falmouth (Portland), married Abigail Moore.

One JOHN FRIES is mentioned in a will recorded in Suffolk Co., Mass., in 1659.

JOHN FRIIS (pro. frees) was a Danish statesman, born 1494, who became a disciple of Luther, whom he met at Wittenberg. He was Chancellor under Christian III. He died in 1570.

Grandfather's name was Samuel Freeze, a member of the house of assembly from King's Co., New Brunswick, for many years. Don't know what my great-grandfather's name was. Have been told by my father that his father came from Hull, England. Grandfather had two brothers, William and

John, and I think one by the name of Charles, all of New Brunswick.

There are also relatives of the name in Hants Co., Nova Scotia.

*Samuel Freeze, of New Brunswick.*

*Mr. J. W. Freeze:*

DEAR SIR:

Your letter written to my late husband I have just received. We had been in Europe for two years in search of health, but it was not to be. God called my sweetheart to Him on the 17th of January.

If there is anything to be known of the Fresé family, my husband's brother can tell you. His address is 203 Boulevard Raspail, Paris, France. Another brother, Gustave, resides in Louisville, Kentucky.

Yours very sincerely,

MARY L. FRESE.

Previous to his sickness, Mr. Fresé was for a time an instructor of music at Harvard College, Mass.

2 Carlisle St., Mar. 8, 1901. Dear Sir: I had a letter from my brother, but nothing new about the matter [you] wished to know. He thinks we came from Friesland, that is, our grandfather. I am sorry I did not try to find out 50 years ago, when my father was living.

Yours truly,

WULF FRIES.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., Dec. 20, 1900.

*Mr. Jno. W. Freeze, Cambridge, Mass.*

DEAR SIR: Your favor of the 17th inst. has been handed me by my brother Mr. Frank H. Fries, with request that I answer it. I very much fear that I can not give you any satisfactory information, and it seems sure that we can not scrape up any relationship. What I know of my own family is as follows:

Segismund Eberhard von Fries was a Colonel and Commandant of the city of Hoschst am Main in the middle of

the 17th century. His son, Heinrich Segismund von Fries, fell in the Hungarian campaign in Oct. 1683 before Ofen. His son, Konrad von Fries, was born in March 1684, was apprenticed to an apothecary in Erfurt, and married Judith Scharfenstein, the daughter of a goldsmith in Moempelgard, where Konrad lived as an apothecary and was burgomaster when he died there in 1763. Konrad had seven sons, of whom I know nothing except that the youngest was Peter Konrad Fries, my great-grandfather. He had two sons, Jacob Friedrich Fries, a professor of note in the University of Jena, and my grandfather John Christian William Fries, who came direct from Germany to North Carolina.

If in your investigations you should run upon any information as to the six elder sons of Konrad Fries in Moempelgard, I will be very glad to have it.

I have pretty full information as to the lives of Peter Konrad Fries and his descendants of both branches, but hardly think they would interest you.

JOHN W. FRIES.

FREESE, JACOB, as witness to will, two others being *Salisbury*. Query: does this name suggest the origin of "Salisbury," Mass., one of the early homes of Freeses?

This Jacob (wife Van Loon) was in demand as a witness and executor of wills, for he appears as such two dozen or more times.

The name Fresey, Ambrose, is mentioned as early as 1623, in Virginia.

This is probably phonetic for Fresé, for thus have I had my own name pronounced by persons of education.

There was a John F. Freyss in Philadelphia in 1741. He married Elsie C. Snook. Letters adm. of estate of John Freas, 1794, granted to Catherine and Peter Freas.

John Fries had a brother William in New Jersey.

ALBERT DE FREES married Beletze Luersen, both of New Jersey.

In early Dutch records, New York, we find John *Frees*

married Catherina Gerrean Van Tuppen, July 19, 1750. Also Hendricus *Frees*—daughter Maria baptized in Boston Mar. 29, 1696.

[*From History of Deerfield, N. H.*]

"JOHN FREESE, who married Desire Williams of Stockbridge, and was thus allied to 'the blue blood' of Berkshire County, was a tailor and tavern keeper in Egremont in 1776. He came to this town (Lee, Mass.) during the Revolutionary War, and became a very large landholder. The house he first occupied stood near the present brick schoolhouse of the first district in the Hoplands. He afterwards lived on the spot where is now Mr. Henry Smith's house. He owned that farm, and south across the river to the top of Beartown Mountain.

The Freese family were of Dutch descent, among the early settlers of Lunenburgh,\* now Athens, N. Y., with real Dutch forethought and quaint ideas of propriety. They brought with them from the old country mahogany coffins and satin graveclothes.

The family removed to Brunswick, Ohio, in 1814. Miss Sarah Goodspeed is the only immediate descendant left in the town of Lee."

[*From The Moravians of North Carolina, by Levin T. Berchel.*]

"In April, 1754, quite unexpectedly, in company with John Lisher (who returned from Pennsylvania) Brother John Jacob Fries arrived, being successor of Brother Grube, who was recalled to the North. Bro. Fries, who was born in Denmark, where, previous to his emigration, he had officiated as an assistant minister, and was known as an accomplished scholar, especially in the Hebrew language, was nevertheless a very humble servant of the Lord, ready to do the meanest service for his Brethren, and peculiarly adapted for such a station in the wilderness. He often referred to that time which he spent in this patriarchal housekeeping

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\*It is worthy of note that early settlers of Bangor (among them Freeses) proposed the name of *Lunenburg* for what is now Orono.

amidst many toils and great privations as the happiest period of his life.

Utterly averse to all formality, he preferred to be a free servant of the Lord, instead of accepting any permanent appointment. He assisted in preaching and teaching whenever and wherever he thought he could be most useful, even to his eightieth year. He died in 1793."

BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 22, 1903.

*Mr. J. W. Freee,*

DEAR SIR: I find that I cannot give you much information in regard to the Freeze family. They came from Yorkshire and settled in Nova Scotia.

W. E. McARTHUR.\*

In report of the State Historian of New York, Vol. II, page 871, I find in a list of names of Capt. Johannis Hogeboom's Company,

FREESE, JOHN  
FREESE, JACOB, JR.

under date of 1767. Also, page 831, Freeser, John, 1761. Also the name of Derick Spoor. It was he, doubtless, who married Dorothy Freeze, daughter of Jacob, of the mahogany coffins fame.

I also find

DAVID, JR.,  
JOHANNES, and }  
MARTIN } Freest.

Also, page 674, Freazer, William, of Cornelius Van Debaregh's Company, under date of 1762.

In Calendar of Wills, N. Y., page 459-60, I find *Jehenes Frees*, as an executor of the will of Alex. Weber. Two of the witnesses were Andries and Abraham Onderdonck.

The name "Freer" occurs eighteen times.

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\*Mr. McArthur's grandmother was a Freee.

[Copied by John Wesley Freese, December 26, 1900, from  
New Hampshire State Papers.]

In Company of Capt. Stephen Clark (copied from original in Bureau of Pensions, Washington, D. C.) I find the name of Jacob Freese, as a private.

Capt. Clark was of Epping, N. H., and went with a portion of his men to Winter Hill (Somerville), December, 1775.

ANDREW FREESE,	}	Selectmen of Deerfield, N. H., 1779.
MOSES CHASE,		

In Company of Capt. Enoch Pages, September 20, 1777, Gordon Freese was a private. Also his name, with others, on receipt as having recd. "of John Taylor Gilman Twenty-five shillings Lawful Money Each." The date of his enlistment was September 15, 1777; of his discharge January 6, 1778. Joseph Freeze of Capt. Moses Leavitt's Company, Col. Nichols' regt., was Sarjeant, and enlisted August 5, 1778.

*Fris, JOHN*, mentioned in abstract of wills in County of Suffolk, Mass., in 1659.

FREESE, JOSEPH, died in Stratham, N. H., July 28, 1752.

An old Dutch Bible, belonging to Miss Dorothy C. Roys of Sheffield, Mass., was brought from Holland by an ancestor of her great-grandmother, Dorothy Freeze. It was published in Dordrecht in 1618.

It contains the following records: "Freeze, Jacob, married Rebecah Van Loon, November 14, 1740. She was born February 18, 1719. He died April 19, 1789. She died, February 14, 1799."

FREEZE, JACOB and REBECAH, had children:

- JOHN, b. Sept. 13, 1741.
- REBECCA, b. May 16, 1745.
- JACOB, b. Feb. 18, 1747.
- DOROTHY, b. Nov. 10, 1750.
- RACHEL, b. May 7, 1753.
- Abraham, b. Jan. 1, 1756.
- MARIA, b. June 15, 1759.
- MAGDALEN, b. Oct. 30, 1761.

FREESE, DOROTHY, became the wife of Derrick Spoor, December 25, 1777. He was born November 15, 1754.

They had children:

REBECAH,	born	}
SARAH,	1779-1789.	
NICHOLAS,	Vol. 51, of 1897, of	
JACOB,	N. E. Genealogical and	
LANA,	Historical Register.	

[Notes on Freese Family. Copied from *Historical and Genealogical Records of N. E.*, December 1900.

— date of copy.]

FRIEZE, BETHIAH, became the wife of Elijah Allen, March 4, 1762.

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FREEZE, JAMES, a man baptized April 4, 1725.

FREESE, JAMES, deposition of —, age 16 (about), 20th April, 1657. Files of Suffolk County.

FREESE, ANDREW, Deerfield, N. H., signed agreement to resist the Crown, 1776.

FREESE, KATHERINE, became the wife of Daniel Foster, March, 1693. Her home, before marriage seems to have been Topsfield, Mass.

### FREES FAMILY, N. H.

*Freese, Zack, Capt. Nathan Brown's Company, Col. David Gilman's regt., name signed as having recd. £2 for service, the date being April 12, 1776.*

October 1 — paid

A Clame of the men that are Ingaged in the Service of the United States of America for the Parish of Deerfield, as follows, viz.:

year 1777 Nathan Moulton [and others].

1778

1779

ANDREW FREESE,	}	Select-
NATHAN SANBORN,		
MOSES CHASE,		

*men.*

## FREESE FAMILY.

A JACOB FREESE, I understand, is named in the Pension Office at Washington.

JAMES FREESE had a three acre lot on the Neck "on the path that goes to Mr. Clark's."—*Maine His. Soc.*, Vol. I, page 310.

JACOB lived at "*Purpooduck.*"

MERCATOR "studied mathematics, history, and geography with greatest zeal at Löwen, where the learned German cosmographer, Gemma *Frisius*, was his teacher."

## MISCELLANEOUS.

January 22, 1902.

*Mr. J. W. Freese:*

MY DEAR SIR:—Your letter of January 12th asking for data concerning the Freeze family was sent to me from Chicago.

There is quite a colony of Freeses living here [Shermerville], and all are related. They came here direct from Germany, about forty years ago, or at least my family did.

My mother was a Walter.

Respectfully,

BENJ. J. FREESE.

Shermerville, Cook County, Ill.

October 4, 1752, ship "Neptune," John Mason, Master, from Rotterdam, I find Johann Jacob Friess.

November 8, 1752, ship "Louisa," John Pitairne, Capt., from Rotterdam, I find John Jacob Friess.

October 1, 1754, ship "Phœnix," John Spurrier, Capt., from Rotterdam, last from Cowes, inhabitants from Franconia, the Palatinate and Zwibrücken, I find Jacob Fries and George Friess.

## FREESE FAMILY.—IMMIGRANTS.

September 16, 1748. Foreigners imported in the ship, "Paliena," John Brown, Master, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes. In a list of one hundred and twenty-one (121) I find the name of *Fries*, SAMUEL. These were, presumably, adults, as the children were named in separate lists.

September 27, 1749. Palatines in the ship "Isaac," Robert Mitchell, Capt., from Rotterdam, last from Cowes. 206 passengers, I find the name, *Fries*, RUDOLPH.

August 13, 1750. Foreigners imported in the ship "Bennet Galley," John Wadham, Master, from Rotterdam, last from Portsmouth. 260 passengers. Among the number I find the name of *Friess*, JOHAN FRANTZ.

[From Prof. Rupp.]

## FREESE FAMILY.

September 26, 1737. In the ship "Saint Galley," John Steadman, Master, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes, I find among the passengers, *Fries*, JACOB.

August 17, 1733. Palatine imported in the ship "Samuel," of London, Hugh Percy, Master, from Rotterdam, last from Deal, I find the name of *Fries*, HANS (John, Johan, Joan, Jean).

September 19, 1738. Palatines imported in the ship "Thistle," John Wilson, Commander, from Rotterdam, last from Plymouth, I find the names of *Friess* (Michael, Johannes, Johan Simon).

August 27, 1739. Ship "Samuel," I find the name of *Freys*, JOHANN, HENRICH. Query: Is this another spelling of Freese?

October 21, 1754. Ship "Friendship," Chas. Ross, Capt., from Amsterdam, last from Gosport, England. JACOB FRIES.

November 5, 1764. Ship "Prince of Wales," James Edgar, Master, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes. CASPER FRIES.

October 26, 1768. Ship "Crawford," Chas. Smith, Master, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes. JOH. PHILIP FRIES.

JACOB FRIES, September 26, 1737, in the ship "Saint Andrew Galley," John Steadman, Master, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes.

HANS FRIES, August 17, 1733 (Palatine), imported in the ship "Samuel," of London, Hugh Percy, Master, from Rotterdam, last from Deal.

MICHAEL JOHANNES, and JOHN SIMON FRIESS, Palatines, imported September 19, 1738, in the ship "Thistle," John Wilson, Commander, from Rotterdam, last from Plymouth, England.

September 16, 1751, ship "Nancy," Thos. Coatam, Capt., from Rotterdam, I find MICHAEL FRIESS.

October 4, 1751, ship "Queen of Denmark," Georg Parish, Commander, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes, I find FRIES, MARTIN, and FRIESS, JOHN WILLIAM.

### FRIES FAMILY.

FRIES, JAKOB FRIEDRICH, the founder of a philosophic school in Germany, was born at Barby, in Prussian Saxony, 23d August, 1773, studied at Leipsic and Jena, and in 1805, went to Heidelberg, as professor of philosophy and mathematics. In 1816 he accepted a call to the chair of speculative philosophy at Jena, and in 1824 was appointed to the chair of physics and mathematics, which he occupied till his death, August 10th, 1843.

His most eminent disciples were De Wette, Apelt, Schleiden, Schlomilch, Friedrich Francke, and Schmidt.

They published several philosophic papers entitled, *Abhandlungen der Fries' schen Schule*.

FRIES, ELIAS, a distinguished Swedish botanist, was born 15th August, 1794, in the district of Femsjo. In 1834, he was professor of practical economics at Upsala, and after the death of Professor Whalenberg, in 1851, the chair of botany was conjoined. His researches comprise the entire field of botany. He was the author of *Systema Orbis Vegetabilis*, a *Flora of Holland*, *Systema Mycologicum*, 3 Vols.; *Flora Scanica*, *Summa Vegetabilium Scandinaviae*, and several monographs.

He was greatly admired in his native country, and in 1851, he was appointed director of the Botanical Museum and Garden attached to the University of Upsala, and in 1853, a rector of the University.

He was one of the eighteen members of the Academy of Stockholm.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

“PAOLO FRISI was an Italian mathematician and philosopher, born at Milan in April, 1728. With little or no aid except that of books he made great progress in geometry. In 1750 he wrote an able treatise on the figure of the earth, which established his reputation and procured for him a chair of philosophy at Milan. From 1756 to 1764 he was professor in the University of Pisa. He also wrote on electricity, on the Diurnal Motion of the Earth, and on Universal Gravity. He published in Latin, in 1774, his greatest work, *Physical and Mathematical Cosmography*. He belonged to many learned societies. He received from Maria Theresa of Austria a pension of one hundred sequins.

His brother Philip wrote an able work on public law, and was for a time a magistrate of Ravenna.

BERNHARD FRIES, a German, born at Heidelberg, in 1820, was a successful landscape painter.

ERNST, his brother, born in 1801, was appointed court painter in 1831.

HENRY FRIES was a Swiss professor of eloquence, and lived at Zurich. He wrote, *On the Seat of the Rational Soul*. He died in 1718.

JOHN FRIES, an eminent Swiss philologist, born in 1505, was professor of languages at Zurich about 1537, and gave a great impulse to the study of Oriental languages. His most important work is a Latin-German Dictionary, published in 1541. He also produced a Latin translation of Hesiod (1548), besides several original works. He died in 1565.

His son, John James, born at Zurich, 1547, was professor of theology there.

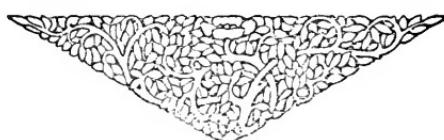
FRIAS, DE (da Freé-as) was a Spanish poet supposed to have lived about 1500. He left a poem, *The Retreat of Silvia*, and a few songs of such merit that he was ranked as one of the most agreeable lyric poets of the time.

PAUL DUDLEY<sup>6</sup> (PAUL<sup>5</sup>, THOMAS<sup>4</sup>, Hon. WM.<sup>3</sup>, Gov. JOSEPH<sup>2</sup>, Gov. THOMAS<sup>1</sup>), married Mary, daughter of Isaac Freese<sup>1</sup> of Argyle, September 1, 1808. She was born July 17, 1789.

For the above data I am indebted to Mrs. Nettie Warren Brown of Old Town, Me., as also for much painstaking in arranging the data of the Argyle families of Freeses.

It is interesting to note that the name *Dudley* appears in three different branches of the Freese family, viz.: that of Andrew of New Hampshire, of Capt. John, and of the Argyle branch.

From Mrs. Brown I also learn of an interesting tradition in her family respecting Courtney Babbage to the effect that his coat would stand alone because of the large amount of its gold braid. This hints of the dress of a gentleman of England of about 1750.



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